

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Singapore Voting

PERHAPS the first reaction of the diehards in Whitehall who grudgingly conceded the principle of self-government in Singapore will be one of dismay at Saturday's election results. And the protagonists of the concept of Empire are certain to claim that the results show that Britain is squandering away her possessions by premature grants of self-rule in her colonies.

Indeed the most surprising feature of the vote is that "left-wing" parties advocating a number of radical reforms have won a majority of the elected seats—13 out of 25—and that the Conservatives and Democrats won only six when they were expected, if not to sweep the polls, then certainly to secure a safe lead.

But the conclusion is hard to avoid that irrespective of the results of the first election and the record of the first elected Government, the two parties representing the wealthy interests in the Colony will attract less and less support.

That the electorate did "vote Chinese" was a reassuring development and indicative of the growth of Chinese political consciousness.

THERE is another complexity in the Singapore scene which is also evident in the vote: the division of the Chinese society into "English Chinese" and "Chinese Chinese". For years the former have been the dominant element in local government as the responsible and highly regarded nominated members. Saturday's vote possibly reflects a psychological reaction against their leadership.

Certainly it is wrong for political commentators to classify Chinese candidates categorically as pro-Formosa or pro-Peking. The distinction is so broad as to be invidious and does not take into consideration the various factions which, while undeniably pro-China, remain opposed to the extremes of Communism and the Kuomintang. Singapore need fear no sudden drastic changes in administration as a result of the vote. A coalition including moderate elements appears inevitable. And the Colony's independence and the abolition of the emergency regulations will eventually be decided not by the Governor who reserves control of defence, finance and internal security.

Malicious

MR Grimwood, Director of the Hongkong Government Office in London, recently labelled the campaign in England against Hongkong manufactured commodities as "vicious". He is right; and it is also malicious as a comment appearing in the Mercantile Guardian, a Lancashire trade publication, illustrates. In it a Mr Cyril Lord, British textile manufacturer, is quoted as "agreeing with New Zealand manufacturers that Japanese goods are coming through Hongkong under British labels, but he says he cannot convince the Board of Trade of this." The wretched insinuation is all too clear—that Hongkong exporters are transshipping Japanese goods under the guise of being Hongkong products, obtaining for them Imperial Preference concessions. This fantastic allegation is spurned by the Board of Trade, which knows it has no foundation, but it is a legend which British manufacturers, jealous of Hongkong's competition, have no hesitation in quoting and re-quoting, presumably believing that if the lie is big enough, it will eventually be accepted as the truth. Mr Lord has no grounds for making his allegation, and the Mercantile Guardian has no justification for publishing it.

INDO-CHINA ANXIETY



MR MENON

Formosa Talks

Eden, Menon Have Second Meeting

London, Apr. 3. Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and Mr Krishna Menon, India's United Nations representative, continued talks here today on the situation in the Formosa Straits, usually reliable sources said.

It was their second meeting within 24 hours. They met yesterday for about 45 minutes and today's discussions lasted about an hour.

Mr Menon flew here last week after talks with the United States and Canadian governments on the situation in Indo-China and in the Formosa Straits.

He is leaving by air for New Delhi tomorrow to report to his Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru.

Both will attend the 23-nation Afro-Asian conference beginning on April 18 at Bandung, Indonesia, where Formosa and Indo-China will hold top places in the discussions.

India is chairman of the international commission supervising the armistice in the Indo-China states.—Reuter.

Loses Arm, Ignores Pain

Johannesburg, Apr. 3.

Doctors here today reported the case of a patient who showed a complete disregard for pain after having lost his right arm in a road accident.

The patient, a young Johannesburg resident named Glen Stevens, had his arm severed four inches below the shoulder in a hit-and-run accident last night.

The young man got out of his car, picked up his severed arm, threw it on the back seat of his automobile and drove two miles to a friend's house where a tourister was applied to stop the bleeding and an ambulance was called.

On his way to hospital in an ambulance, Stevens told ambulance attendants his story as he puffed on a cigarette. Shortly afterwards, he underwent an operation. He was reported to be in a satisfactory condition today.—France-Press.

Conference In Washington Planned LATEST SAIGON DEVELOPMENTS

Washington, Apr. 3. The United States and France are laying plans for a Washington conference on the dangerous situation developing in Indo-China, it was learned today.

Britain, through its diplomatic representatives here, was understood to be in close touch with France and the United States on the Indo-China problem. But present plans did not call for a British representative in the initial phase of the talks expected to begin late in April.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State or his Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, was expected to represent the United States. Paris press dispatches said that M. Henri L'Aforest, the Secretary of State for Indo-China would fly to Washington to represent France but this could not immediately be confirmed here.

Informed sources said that a large part of the Franco-American discussions would be devoted to "house-keeping" problems in Indo-China and arrangements for the Vietnam elections to be held in 1956 under the terms of the Geneva agreement.

Representatives of the governments of South Vietnam and North Vietnam have arranged to meet on May 27 to negotiate arrangements for national elections.

It was learned that the United States administration also needed advice and information from France on past and present dollar aid spending in Indo-China to support its Asian requests to Congress.

STERN CHALLENGE In the meantime, British, French and United States officials were reported in continuing close touch on the present stern challenge of the Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen religious sects to the authority of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem.

An informed source said that representatives of the Big Three Western Governments were seeking ways of bringing stability as quickly as possible to Saigon and the rest of South Vietnam as an essential prelude to an election fight with the Communists for control of the whole country in 1956.—Reuter.

OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED Saigon, Apr. 3. Premier Ngo Dinh Diem launched a powerful offensive against armed Hoa Hao rebels today and announced he would smash "to nothing" all foes of his American-backed regime.

At the same time, the Binh Xuyen sect announced it would lift its blockade of Saigon for three days at the request of the French and American authorities, in another victory for the Premier.

National Army headquarters announced that "strong forces" had gone into action against the Hoa Hao at My Tho, 37 miles north of Saigon, where a large number of troops commanded by the fanatical rebel chief, Ba Cut, was believed deployed.

First reports said so far no reports of fighting had been received.

Tension soared in Saigon.

The American-backed Diem summoned more troops to guard his Independence Palace. French forces in steel helmets patrolled

Harbour officials announced today that the ship would be unable to leave harbour for several days.

The 543-ton Monica M. which reported itself only slightly damaged, proceeded to Duyen.

The third accident came when an explosion shattered the coastal tanker Anthony M. as it discharged high-grade fuel at Shohetam.

Bevan Says: "I Make No Apology"

Fighting Speech To Constituents

London, Apr. 3. Mr Aneurin Bevan, the left-wing Socialist whose outspoken view brought him to the brink of expulsion from the British Labour party, said tonight that he made "no apology" for his activities.

He told an audience in his home constituency at Ebbw Vale that some people deplored that there should have been any argument within the Labour Party.

He added, "I make no apology to anybody whatsoever. I think this argument is so important that it ought to be carried on before the eyes and ears of the people."

"It is not something that can be conducted behind closed doors."

SPEECH CHEERED Mr Bevan's constituents cheered his speech—the first he has made to them since his colleagues in the House of Commons voted to disown him with the result he now must sit as an Independent Socialist. He escaped expulsion from the Labour Party after promising to submit to party discipline in future. Last night, leaders of the local Labour Party voted confidence in him.

Mr Bevan's speech tonight at Ebbw Vale's Palace Theatre was broadcast to crowds outside who had sung Welsh hymns while they waited for him.

He declared, during his address, "Never in the history of mankind have we entered upon such fateful events as are being set loose at the present time."

Referring to "weapons of unimaginable destruction," he said, "the statesmen are still wondering and pondering whether these weapons are going to be kept under control or whether mankind is going to destroy itself in the second half of the 20th century."

SOLENN PROMISE "I solemnly declare that I am not prepared to buy a successful public life at the cost of a shameful silence about the things I think," Mr Bevan said before his words were drowned in cheers and applause.

"If belonging to the Labour movement means we are going to be driven to vote for propositions in which we don't believe and in which we think the fate of mankind will be involved, then no discipline will ever drive me to vote for such proposals."

He was quite prepared to go on disagreeing with his colleagues. "But I am not developing a persecution complex," he added. "That would indeed be a piece of immaturity and personal conceit."

Declaring that Labour Party arguments were a sign of its vitality in seeking new ideas to meet new events, he lashed at the Conservative Party for being "all of one mind—if you can call it a mind."

"They have only one principle—how soon Sir Winston Churchill is going to retire."

"Inside the Conservative Party is the same kind of harmony that you will find in any graveyard."—Reuter.

To Stand On Own Feet

Singapore, Apr. 3. Labour Front leader Mr David Marshall told Agence France-Press tonight that his party "would try to stand on its own feet."

He was commenting on current rumours of an impending coalition between the Labour Front which won 10 of 20 seats in yesterday's Singapore legislative elections on the one hand and "the People's Action Party" and "the Malay-Chinese Alliance" which won three each on the other hand.

Mr Marshall said, "If the Governor nominates four Labour Front adherents then, with four ex-officio members, the Labour Front will enjoy an absolute majority of 17 in the Legislative Council of 22 members."

This means that in such a case, the Labour Front could dispense with a coalition.—France-Press.

18 CHILDREN DIE IN CINEMA FIRE Appalling Liege Disaster: Total Fatalities 39

Liege, Apr. 3. Fire razed through a crowded movie theatre tonight and at least 39 persons, including 18 children, were killed in a panic stampede for the exits.

Madame Anna Jacquin, caretaker of a school which was converted into a morgue, said 18 children and 15 adults had been identified as victims of the fire and crushing race for the exits. She said six other bodies had not yet been claimed. An estimated 100 persons were injured.

The fire was touched off by an oil heater explosion in the Rio Theatre at nearby Sclessin. In order to leave the theatre, patrons had to pass down a narrow corridor through three sets of swinging doors which opened inward.

ABDICATES



Ex-King of Yemen

King Was "Chased" Off Throne

Cairo, Apr. 3. The man who "made" King Ahmed of the Yemen was responsible for his abdication yesterday, reports reaching Cairo from the troubled Arabian kingdom via Aden said today. They named the chief who "chased" Ahmed off the throne as Sheikh Mohamed el Chami, Governor of one of the Yemen provinces and the King's principal aide when Ahmed ruled against the Imam Abdulla el Qusair in 1948 after the assassination of the Imam Yehia el Sanaa.

The Aden reports stated that Ahmed's oldest son, the Emir Badr, managed to escape by plane from Taiz and to take refuge among loyal tribesmen.

Badr, at any rate, does not seem to have recognised his uncle, he Emir Seif el Islam Abdel, as the new king.

Said to have been put on the throne by religious leaders and the army. Unrest among the tribes led to the belief that civil war may break out.

In the meantime, communications have been virtually cut off between the Yemen and Aden, the British colony on the Yemen border.—France-Press.

Three Killed In Plane Crash

New York, Apr. 3. Two men and a woman were killed today and another man injured when their four-place Piper Clipper plane crashed nine miles west of Holyoke, Colorado.

Deputy Sheriff Elmer Hansen said none of the four persons aboard the craft was identified. The plane crashed during a blowing dust storm.—United Press.

BOMB OUTRAGE

Nicosia, Apr. 3. A bomb was thrown at a water pipeline used by the British armed forces near Limassol.

EMERGENCY CENTRE

The Town Hall of Sclessin, the Liege suburb in which the catastrophe took place, was turned into an emergency clearing centre. Spectators who escaped the fire were asked to report there to meet relatives.

A Sclessin cafe owner, Madame Rosine Sprumont, said, "Almost all of the people killed were children."

The fire started during a showing of "The Adventurer of Seville."

An eight-year-old survivor, Jean Pierre Chantraine, whose hair and eyebrows were burned off, said he was attending the movie with his mother and grandmother. He said, "My mother, father, me, and I ran for our lives. I ran for an exit. The flames burned me and people pushed me."

Jean, who was treated for burns, asked about his mother and grandmother. They were feared dead in the ruins. Only the front of the cinema was left standing.—United Press.

Egyptians Shell Settlement

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 3. The Israeli authorities charged that Egyptian forces hurled a two-hour barrage of mortar fire into a Jewish settlement in the Negev Desert today, killing at least two Israelis and injuring 19, four of them seriously.

An Israeli spokesman said the attack occurred near the Gaza strip at the town of Nahal Oz. He said the wounded were being evacuated to nearby hospitals.—United Press.

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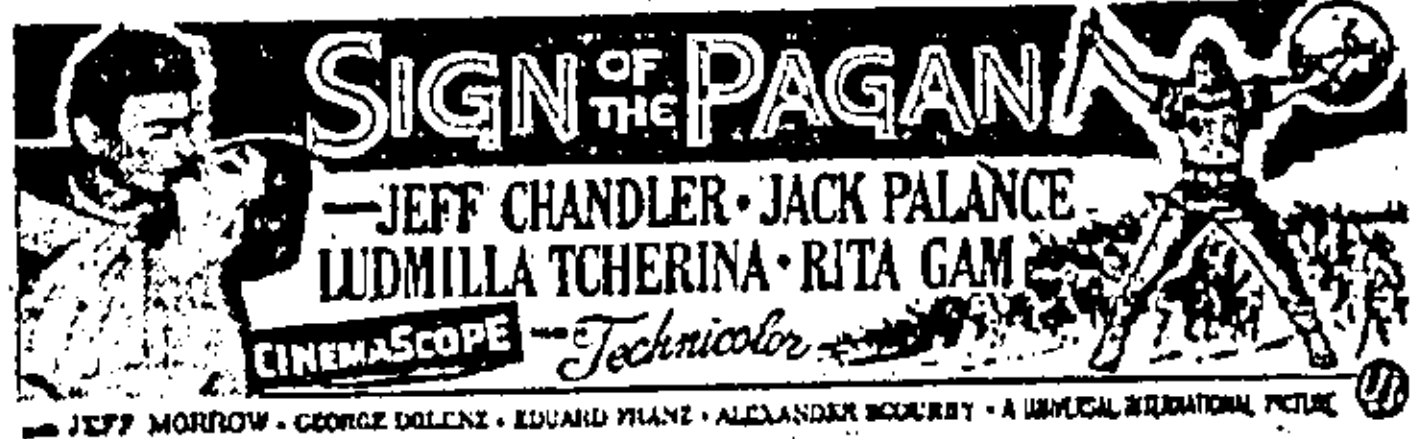
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A Chinese Picture with Mandarin Dialogue

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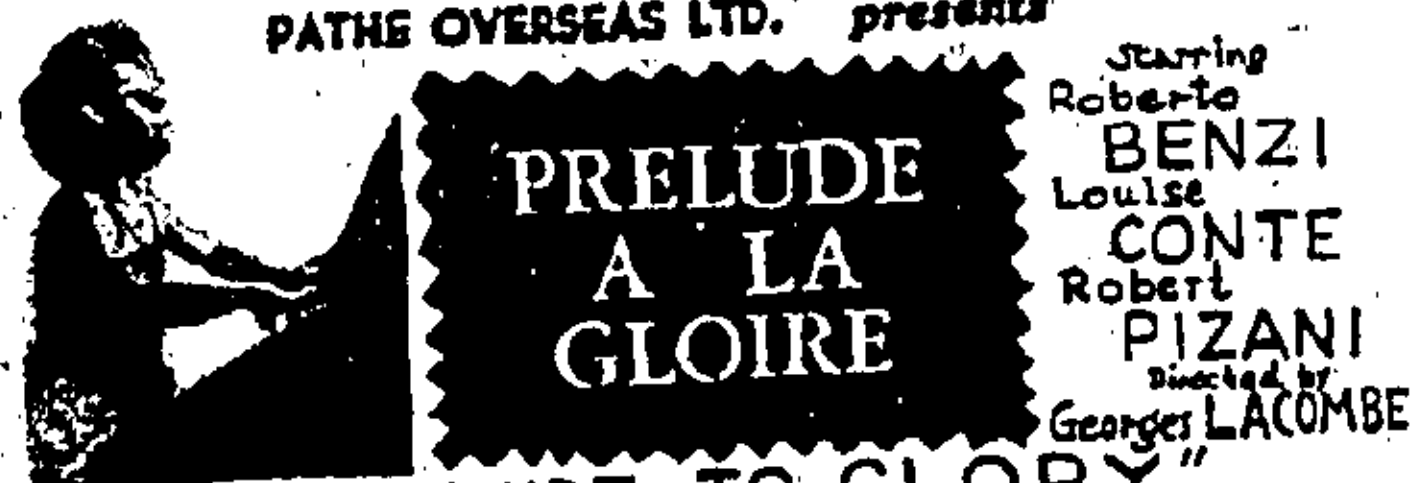
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PATHAN FORAY

HALTED

10,000 Tribesmen
March
On Afghanistan

Karachi, Apr. 3.

Pakistan radio said tonight that a Pakistani official had persuaded 10,000 Pathan tribesmen to abandon a foray into Afghanistan today to "avenge" an attack on the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul last Wednesday.

The Afghan demonstration was in protest against Pakistan's recent decision to merge the tribal areas along her Northwest Frontier into West Pakistan.

According to the Pakistan Premier, Mr. Mohammed Ali, Afghanistan has been supporting an "idea" to turn the tribal areas into a separate state of Pushtunistan.

WAR PARTY

Pakistan radio said tonight that a "war party" (war party) marched towards the Afghan border carrying flags and accompanied by road pipes and drums.

They had gone three miles when the Pakistan political agent stationed at Fort Miran-shan in the tribal area dashed up in a jeep to intercept them. After speaking to them for half an hour the agent persuaded the tribesmen to disperse on assurances that the Government would take "stern measures to avenge the insult to the Pakistani flag in Kabul."

The Afghan Government has already expressed to Pakistan its regret for the Kabul incident in which the Pakistani flag was torn down from the Embassy.

Mr. Mohammed Ali told reporters on Saturday Afghanistan had offered to let Pakistanis pay a similar insult to the Afghan flag.

But he added that he had not accepted that offer and had demanded that the Pakistan flag be raised publicly in Kabul and saluted.

He said his Government was still waiting for the Afghan reply.—Reuter.

Rioter
ArrestedSoviet views on
Austria awaited
WILL BE DISCUSSED BY
FOREIGN MINISTERS

Washington, Apr. 3.

Soviet views on an Austrian settlement are expected to provide a major subject for discussion at the Western Foreign Ministers' conference next month.

The April mission to Moscow by the Austrian Chancellor, Herr Julius Raab, will by then, it is hoped, have clarified Soviet intentions on the completion of a state treaty which would restore Austrian independence and provide for the withdrawal of foreign occupation troops.

President Eisenhower has often said Soviet agreement to sign such a treaty would be accepted as the kind of demonstration of good faith which would clear the way for talks to reduce tensions between the Soviet Union and the Western powers.

Important bearing The results of Herr Raab's mission will thus have an important bearing upon the Western Foreign Ministers' exploratory discussions on the means of bringing about these talks.

But Washington officials were reluctant to make optimistic predictions. They were not enthusiastic about Herr Raab's visit to Moscow. They thought it possible the Soviet Union might exploit a settlement of the Austrian problem to frustrate Western plans on Germany.

The officials said the Western powers were discussing through diplomatic channels the possibility of issuing a statement of the Western position on an Austrian settlement before Herr Raab goes to Moscow on April 11.

Some concern has been expressed here that if Austria were

neutralised as part of her treaty, the Soviet Government might use this as a precedent for securing a neutralised Germany and preventing West German rearmament.—Reuter.

432 Dead In
Philippines
Earthquake

Manila, Apr. 4.

President Magsaysay last night set up a relief and reconstruction authority to speed rebuilding earthquake-ravaged Lanao Province on Mindanao Island, southern Philippines.

Philippine News Service, quoting late official tabulations at Laruan, said 432 died and over 2,000 were injured in the earthquakes.

Slight tremors persisted yesterday.

The Government is rushing food to relieve the shortage in the stricken areas.—Reuter.

A demonstrator in the recent rioting in Brussels shown being marched off by steel-belted police. The riots were participated in by thousands of Catholics who were demonstrating in protest against the reduction in subsidies to Catholic schools. —Central Press Photo.

New Soviet
North Pole
Observation
Station

Paris, Apr. 3.

A new Soviet observation station near the North Pole—"North Pole 5"—is to be set up by the Soviet Union, Radio Moscow, monitored here, announced today.

According to the Soviet radio, a scientific expedition left Leningrad by air today headed by Russian scientist Mr. A. N. Volkov, who is a member of the Oceanographic Institute of the USSR.

SUPERIOR

Mr. Volkov said before taking off that the new observation station would be on an ice-floe "in the neighbourhood of the North Pole" and that this expedition had superior equipment to former teams, in particular as concerned housing and means of communications, the radio said.

There are already two other floating Soviet observation stations around the North Pole in the Arctic Ocean for which the Russian Arctic Research Institute is responsible.

These two stations were set up in April, 1954 and have so far drifted some 1,500 to 2,000 kilometres. The scientists of these stations are due to be relieved shortly.—France-Press.

No German Sector On Border

Bonn, Apr. 3.

SHAPE, the Atlantic pact headquarters near Paris is unlikely to allot a national "German" sector along the iron curtain to West German armed forces when these come into being, authoritative British military circles said here today.

The best deployment of the German divisions which are not expected to be ready before 1958 or 1959 is con-

sidered to be as stiffening for the existing army formations.

The British believe there is considerable agreement at SHAPE that the Germans should be fitted into the defence front in two—possibly three—army corps, each of three or four divisions.

It will be up to SHAPE to fit the 12 divisions which Germany is to raise into the existing defence map.

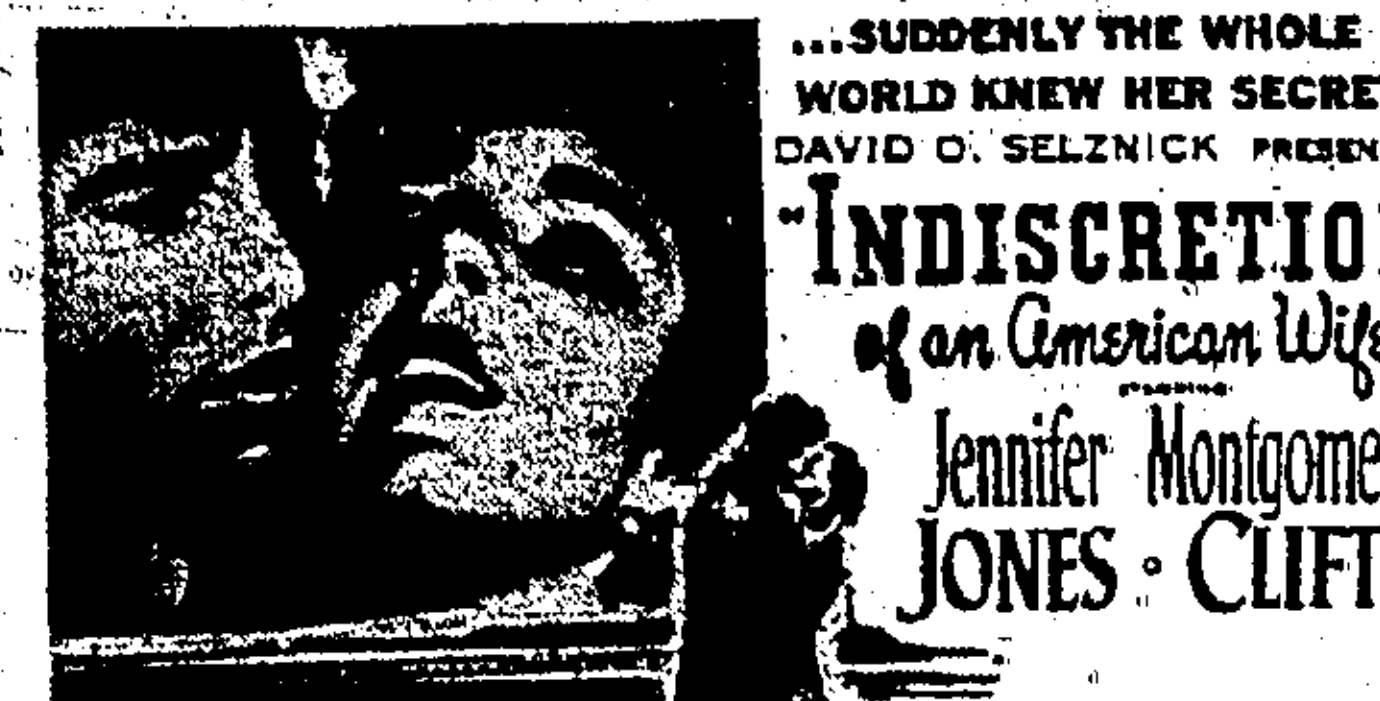
Logistics experts see no difficulty in planting these troops at separate points on the allied front. It is hoped that, by the time the question of weapons among the NATO forces will have made enough progress for many kinds of plans to be interchangeable from one national army to another in an emergency.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

TO-DAY ONLY

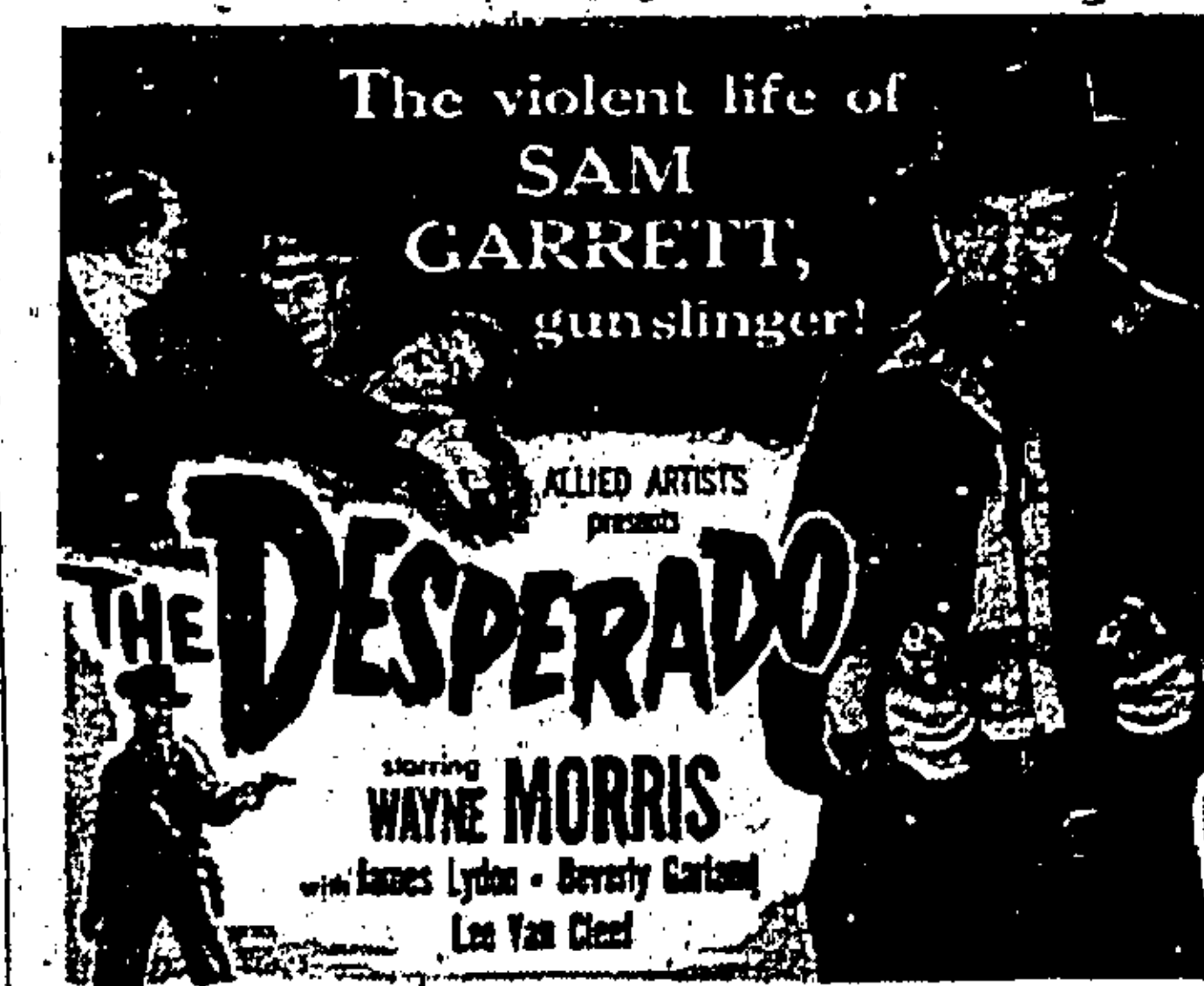


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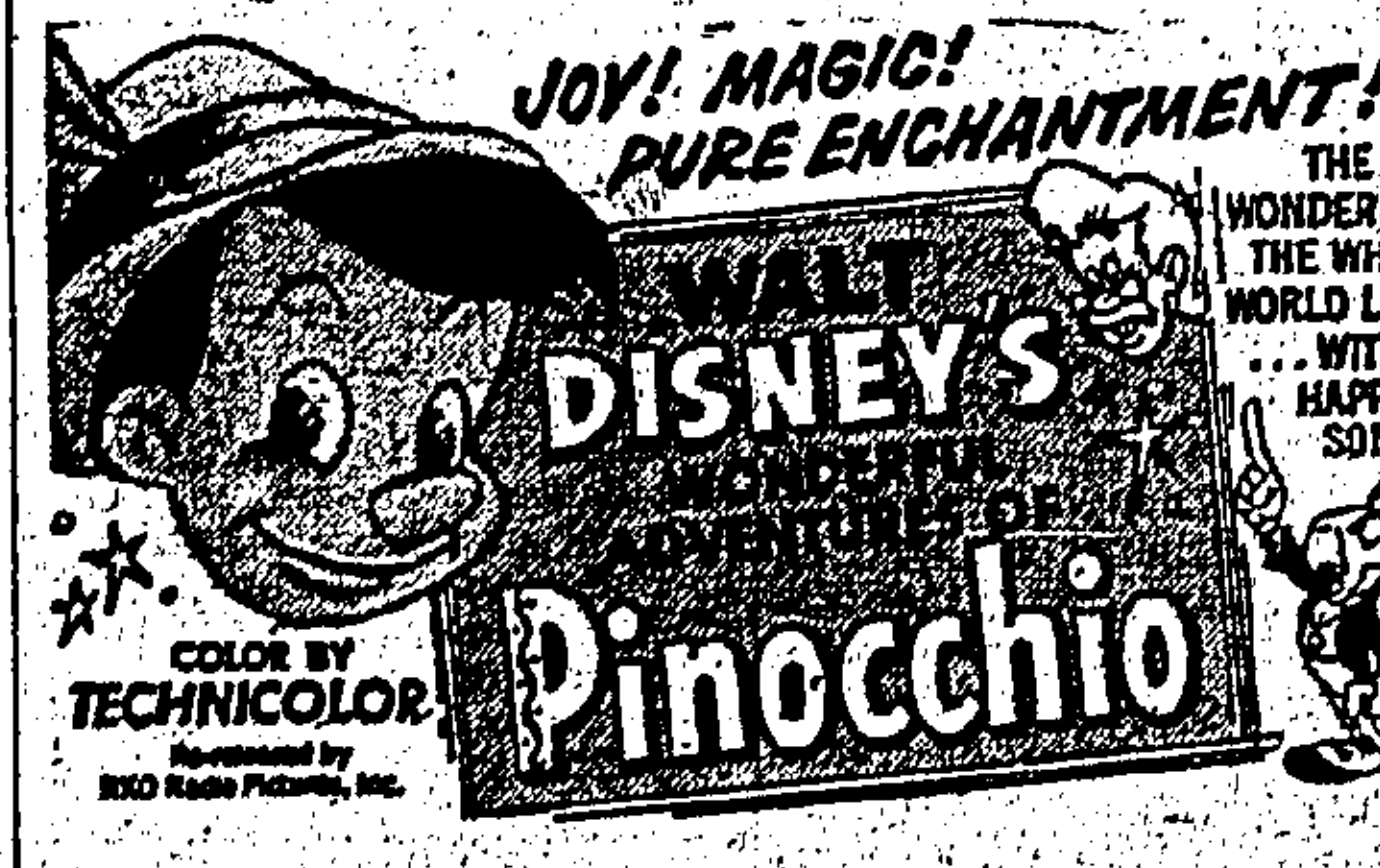
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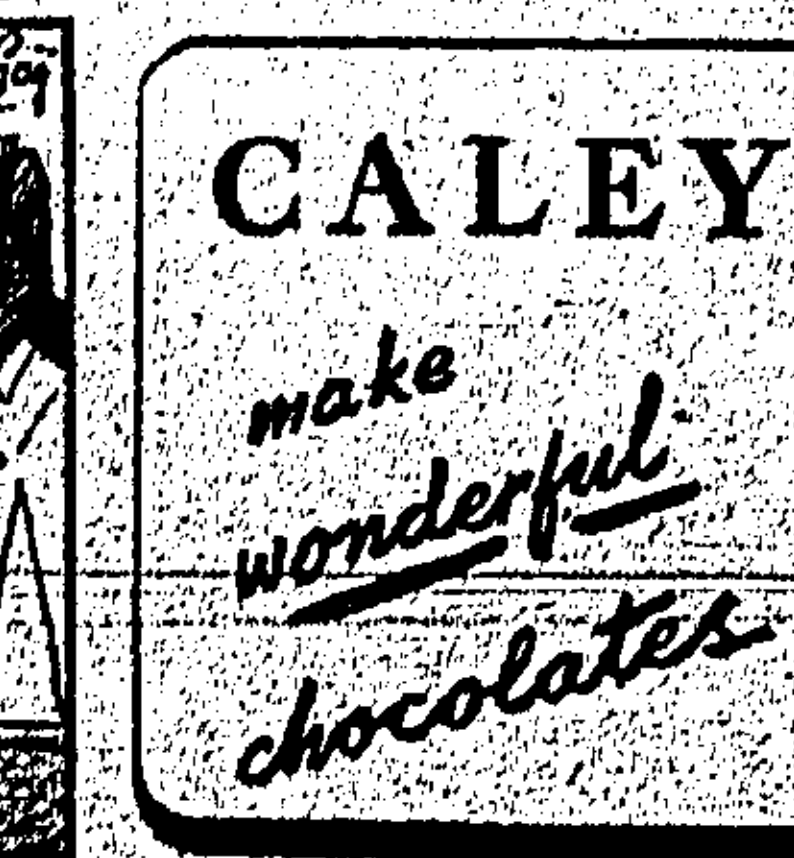
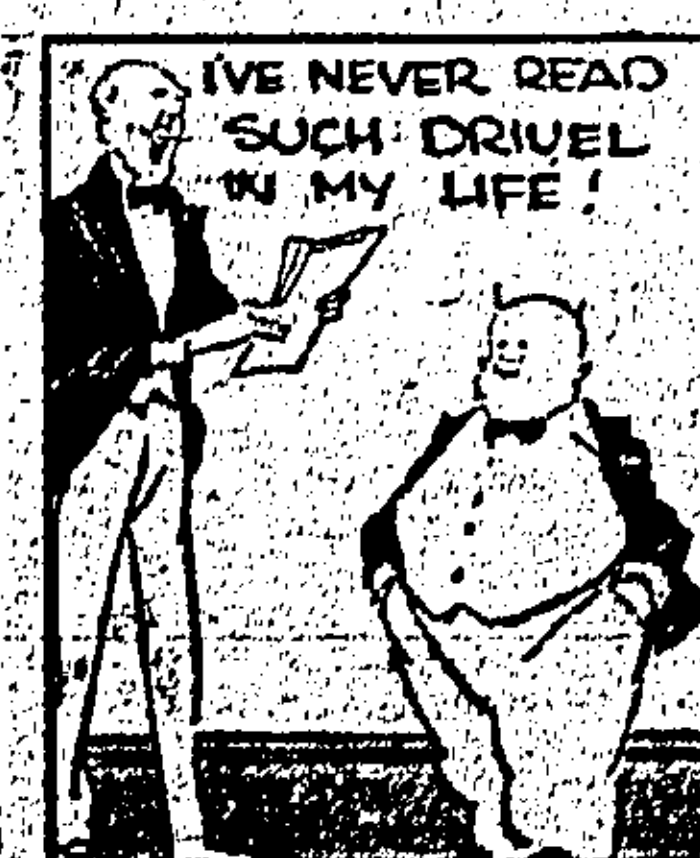
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Russians Making Final Efforts To Divide The West

SOVIET PRESIDENT MAKES APPEAL

Paris, Apr. 3.

Marshal Klementi Voroshilov, President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, said in Budapest today that "the Paris accords have been ratified, but it is not yet too late to prevent them from being put into effect."

In his speech, delivered on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Hungary's liberation, Marshal Voroshilov was reported by Radio Budapest to have blamed the United States for the ratification of the Paris agreements creating a West European Defence Union.

Marshal Voroshilov said the Soviet Union had "taken on more than one occasion, initiatives to lessen international tension and would continue to work for peace."

ABROGATION

However, the newspaper Izvestia said today that ratification of the Paris agreements to rearm West Germany had "made the abrogation of the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties unavoidable."

"Otherwise," said Izvestia in an article broadcast by Moscow.

Responsible diplomats generally felt Russia would deny denouncing the two treaties until the Allies have all ratified the Paris accords and German soldiers were given the green light to march.

Izvestia did say it was still possible to hold up the trend toward "new conflicts."

"It is still possible, before this happens (before the Paris agreements come into effect), to hold up this trend and put a halt to the preparation of new conflicts," said the paper.

Both the British and French Parliaments have ratified the treaties.

The Izvestia article, signed by N. Polyakov, charged that the British and French Governments had "assumed full responsibility" for their future relations with Russia.

"The approval of the Paris agreements by the Parliaments of a number of Western countries has substantially changed the international situation," said Izvestia.

"The Paris agreements, as shown by their sum and substance, make the restoration of the Wehrmacht and Hitler's military potential and the integration of West Germany into militaristic blocs an official policy of Washington and its West European partners."

"This tends to aggravate the international situation and increase the danger of war. The governments of France and the allies of the German militarists, have assumed the full responsibility for the future of the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties."

WOO WEST

But the English language Moscow magazine News, set up specifically as a propaganda journal to woo the West, said in an article by its editor in chief, historian Evgeny Kosminsky, "We want to preserve the Anglo-Soviet treaty."

News said, however, "We can only do so if that (Anglo-Soviet) treaty is a reality, not a spurious harmful fiction."

"The matter now rests with the British public," France-Presse and United Press.

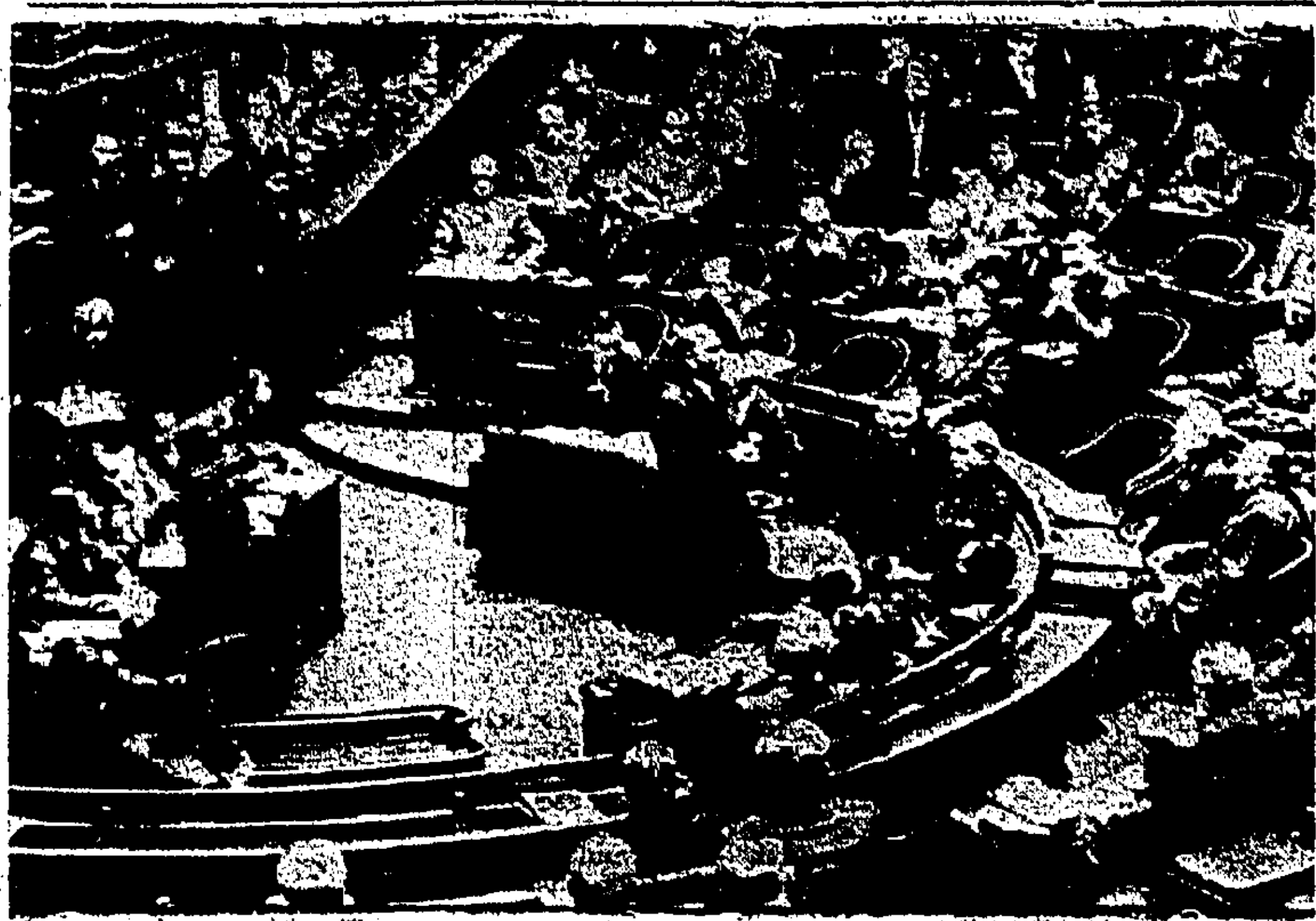
A.A. TEST TODAY

Las Vegas, Apr. 3.

The testing of an atomic anti-aircraft weapon, originally scheduled over the Nevada desert for today, has been postponed until Monday, because the aircraft which was to carry the new weapon had developed engine trouble.

The anti-aircraft weapon was to be released by the carrier aircraft at an altitude of 35,000 feet.

—France-Presse.



M. Edgar Faure, the French Premier, addresses the Council of the Republic in Paris, where he made a spirited and dramatic defence of the vital Paris agreement.—Express Photo.

SPORTS FANS MISS PAPERS Spivs Cashing In

By Vernon Morgan

London, Apr. 4.

If anyone was ever in any doubt as to what constitutes the most important part of a newspaper the current national newspapers strike has removed it. Sport and racing in particular is what the British public are missing most.

Of course as a sport editor, the writer is biased, but for all that there is ample proof that those interested in sport are the worst sufferers.

Quite a lot of people one meets in the morning bus or evening train are quite happy not to have a newspaper to read, but not so the sports fan.

QUEUE UP

Part of his daily fun has been suddenly taken from him and he does not like it.

Such public figures as the famous coloured tipster "Prince Monolulu" are queuing up soon after dawn outside provincial newspaper offices to get a list of the probable runners, jockeys and betting for the day's racing.

Without this the tipster and every racing fan is lost.

Super optimists that they are, the racing fans will not believe the strike has saved them quite a bit of money. It is only the missed winners they ever think of. They conveniently overlook the losers.

A poll of the queues outside the provincial newspaper offices in Fleet Street has shown that virtually everyone was endeavouring to get a paper for the losers.

It is paradoxical to think that readers in nearly every country of the world know the Saturday football results before they are known to the general public in London and that racing enthusiasts in South Africa had all the necessary details about the big race of the week, the Newbury Spring Cup, soon after the race was run while Londoners were trying to get at least a part of the information.

COMPLAINTS

Much to the annoyance of the racing fan the British Broadcasting Corporation will not "play ball" by giving either the number of runners or the betting returns. There are also complaints from people playing the football pools that they cannot get the necessary half-time scores off the radio.

The general public may be content with radio news headlines but not the sports enthusiast. He wants not only facts but to know how his team played or how his horse ran. In the latter case they are greatly missing information provided by the expert but correspondents.—China Mail Special.

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Dulles Will Not Meet Shigemitsu

Washington, Apr. 3.

The US Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, disclosed tonight that he would not be able to comply with the request of Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, for talks between the two statesmen in order to reinforce American-Japanese relations.

Mr. Shigemitsu announced yesterday that he had asked the US Ambassador, Mr. John Allison, to propose a meeting with Mr. Dulles in Washington.

It was reported that the Japanese Foreign Minister was prepared to leave for Washington within 48 hours.

The State Department tonight issued a statement saying that Mr. Dulles' work schedule did not allow him the time to prepare for conversations at this time.—France-Presse.

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FULL TIME CARPENTER

Bonn, Apr. 3.

A dead carpenter's device to keep himself in business is still worrying police and the fire brigade in the Mauerkirchen district on the Rhine near Bonn because it makes farm houses burn down with ominous regularity.

The carpenter, Johann Bernhofer, hanged himself in a prison cell two years ago at the age of 77 after the police had found out about his trick of building "killing devices" into houses, so that they would burn down after a certain period.

Bernhofer, according to police records, designed his device during the world economic crisis in the early 1930s because he feared that the depression and slackening building activity might force him out of a job.

In all chimneys he helped to construct, he built in a panel of wood, which would burn through slowly and then expose a "trigger" that would fire the house. —China Mail Special.

Pope Blesses Big Crowds

Vatican City, Apr. 3.

A SEA of palm branches and fluttering handkerchiefs waved by a big crowd in St. Peter's square greeted Pope Pius XII when he appeared at his study window on the top floor of the Vatican palace today to bless them on Palm Sunday.

The crowd which included many pilgrims from abroad called for the Pope until he appeared to give his blessing.

Branches of palm, olive and box were blessed and carried in procession in the world's Catholic churches today in memory of Christ's entry into Jerusalem over a road strewn with palm in his honour.

The Pope received today two intricately hand-worked palms made for him by the nuns of the Camal Dolesse Convent in Rome who are vowed to almost total silence. The presentation was made in his private apartments by his Dutch secretary, Monsignor Pieter Canisius van Lede.

The 79-year-old Pontiff also made a speech on the prevention of accidents in industry when he received in the Vatican palace about 1,000 delegates attending a Rome Congress on this subject. —Reuter.

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RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Nehru Challenges All Countries

New Delhi, Apr. 3.

Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Premier, today called on the Soviet Union and the United States to declare their stand on what he called the "tyrannical oppression" of Africans and people of Indian origin by the South African Government.

Addressing a public meeting here, he said the protagonists of the Russian and American ways of life had pitched their flags in India and were distributing propaganda that India was "neither here nor there."

Mr Nehru added: "We are neither here nor there, but we are wholly on the side of decency."

CHALLENGE

"I challenge every country in the world to give its opinion unquestionably on the naked racial persecution being perpetrated by the capitalist white government of South Africa on African and Indian people there."

"India is not prepared to tolerate this racial persecution under any consideration of anti-Communism or Communism. The African Government forget about Communism and anti-Communism and learn some decency," he said.

Mr Nehru also criticised the United Nations treatment of the

South African racial question. He said the United Nations passed some resolutions now and again then sat back "with folded hands in a state of complete inaction."

Mr Nehru who spoke for nearly eight minutes in Hindi said the ruling Congress Party had been careful in declaring the country's objective of a socialist pattern of society.

Indian Communists and others were demanding confiscation of British and other foreign investments in Calcutta and other places but he would not do so because it would split India's good name and because India needed foreign capital to develop her economy.

"The Government welcomed foreign capital and would guarantee such investments in India," he said.—Reuter.

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SEVEN BRIDES

for Seven Brothers

DO you trust your husband? Have you ever been able to trust him? It is my belief that no man, even when persuading a girl to become his wife, has ever told fewer than nine lies out of 10 statements about his true feelings, intentions, and background.

It would be enough to make a woman cynical about the male sex—except that a surprising number of happy marriages have developed from the ingrained habit of a man to deceive, confuse, trick, and bamboozle the girl he is determined to carry off to the altar.

Take the case of me, Milly Brown. I was persuaded to marry under false pretences, don't go further than me.

Rarely has a proposal seemed so full of bliss, and rarely has the reality turned out to be so doggone different.

YET you see in me a contented wife. I married a man who turned out to be a master of make-believe... a husband who knowingly pretended to be taking me, his bride, back to a paradise of happy life—and pitched her, instead, into a bear-garden, a madhouse.

There were moments, at first, when I would have preferred to be married to a cougar.

But every woman has her tricks, and every woman can turn even the lyingest man into a loving spouse.

This is the story of how I, Milly Brown, was deceived. And learned to love it....

ed the meals. No one washed the dishes. Or sewed their shirts and trousers, replaced their buttons, kept them spick and span in case company came to call—a result of which company never came to call.

The seven brothers

Pontipee were a wild, unprincipled, fighting, bawdy, raucous, reckless collection of young hooligans. And only the eldest of them, Adam, realised that what was wrong with them, why the nights seemed so long and the winter so much longer, was a lack of one thing. Wives.

That autumn day that Adam turned me he had ridden into town looking for a wife. I didn't know it was going to be me.

HE walked into the town store and, after handing over his sack of beaver skins, was told by Mrs Bixby, wife of the proprietor, that he was 80 dollars in credit.

He flung them down, straightened up his spare, strong body, turned his masculine chin and said: "Mrs Bixby, I'll trade you for a new plough, two tubs of lard, a barrel of molasses, 25lb. of chewing tobacco—and you wouldn't have a wife under the counter there? I'm looking for a wife."

"Any special brand?" asked Mrs Bixby, sarcastically.

He grinned. "Well, yes, I like a widow woman that ain't afraid to work. There's seven of us men. Place is like a pigsty."

Mrs Bixby's expression wiped the grin off his face.

"Let me tell you, none of our girls are going to go off to bear-country with you—to wash and slave for seven slummocky backwoodsman. There's 10 men for every woman out here. You want a wife? You'll have to go east and get one."

Instead he went out and got me.

At the time, I was working at a restaurant in the town, cooking the meals for visiting farmers, serving up drinks, chopping wood for the kitchen, scrubbing the floors, and doing a number of other odd chores.

It was a busy life, but there were surprising gaps in it which I felt terribly lonely.

The shortage of women being what it was, and being a girl



A woman has tricks... to make the lyingest man a loving spouse.

too rough and untidy. But say I cleaned them up a bit, and taught them manners?

It was a pleasant surprise to find that, underneath all that hair, they were quite handsome. To get them to shave, all I did was to hold back their food.

To make them learn to bath regularly and learn politeness, I stole into their dormitory while they were asleep and took away their outer clothes—and told them they wouldn't get them back until they promised to conform.

It took them two rebellious hours fuming round the house in their underwear (I had taken care to open all the windows and let the wintry breezes come in) before they gave in.

By the beginning of December I had them spruced up like pine trees. They all stood up when I came into the room, pulled out a chair for me, and called me "Ma'am." I even took them all through a course of dancing.

And then, just before the winter snows came down, Adam took them into town to go courting.... To bring back, from all the girls in town, six wives.

Tomorrow: The brothers seek their brides

Leonard Mosley
writes this version of the film

Tomorrow: The brothers seek their brides

A LETTER FROM THE PALACE

set the Professor on the road to success

FOR 20 years I have been reading of Albert Edward Richardson's fondness for dressing up in Johnnie R. knee breeches, cloaks and cocked hats. Of the crystal chandelier and oil lamps, the harpsichord-pianos and churchwarden smoking that go on at Avenue House, his place in Bedfordshire. Of the occasion when his daughter Kathleen, wearing 18th-century patches and panniers, went to a party in a sedan chair borne by undergraduates in garb to match, father walking behind with a lantern.

Richardson chuckles at the memory. "Halfway down the village street," he remembers, "we were stopped by the village constable because the chair had no rear light. I explained we were carrying a parcel. The constable scratched his head and let it go at that."

SENSE OF MISSION

Amiable eccentric? Hardly. Inspired publicist? That is nearer the mark, perhaps. Fourth architect to be elected president of the Royal Academy in two centuries, Professor Richardson, bristling with 74, has been in the professional and social swim these 40 years, buoyant and bobbly as a cork.

Over the RA he presides with a near-mystical sense of mission. "In nearly two hundred years the RA has never made a mistake," he once said.

What never? Think of the artists of merit who either didn't get the RA badge at all or (as in the case of Augustus John) got it ages after they had won general recognition.

Well, yes, reflects Mr. President, there's something in that. "But any academy is jealous of increasing its numbers. It is extremely difficult to open the door. If it were opened too easily the Academy would lose prestige."

Think, too, of the second-raters whom the RA has glorified. Something in this, too, agrees Mr. President. "There was Alma-Tadema. His paintings are over-precise, sugary, timid. Yet they made him RA. We struck a very bad period in the nineties. I know, because I reacted against it myself."

Of his own merit he has always had a clear idea.

At seventeen, a perky art school pupil, he was lecturing twenty students, some of them ten years

Amiable eccentric or inspired publicist?—that is the enigma of the 74-year-old boss of the Royal Academy, Professor A. E. Richardson, whose own work is helping to change the face of London.

By FRANCIS MARTIN

MORE IMPOSING

At twenty he bought himself a silk hat and frock coat to look more imposing. As assistant to Leonard Stokes, "good architect but an irascible man, always losing his temper, a tiger to work for," he got £120 a year.

On this he married an Irish girl, Elizabeth Byers, with whom he had fallen in love at a Christmas party. "She's with me still. A wonderful marriage. That is something that has never failed."

For Frank Verity, the theatre architect, he designed new interiors for the Scala in Charlotte Street and the Empire, Leicester Square; and kept himself stylishly up to the mark by sketching old Fleet Street courts, Wren doorways, Westminster Abbey details and the like, mostly during lunch hours.

Between the ages of 15 and 30, I filled 200 sketch books of 40 pages each. That was an architectural education in itself.

STRUGGLE

Then, breakaway, independence, struggle. He and a friend from student days, Lovett Gill, took a spare-time office over an oil-monger's shop in Red Lion Street at 15s. a week, working there evenings and Saturdays.

Their first client, who had commissioned a country house, balked when the plans were ready. He was nowhere to be found. Their competitive plans for a public building at Stirling, highly praised by the assessor, were tipped down. "Because we weren't Scots." The name plate on their door, a piece of planned-up cardboard, was torn down by passers-by, as though in symbolic derision. All the dictatorial seemed adverse.

Before improving things got even worse. Richardson and Gill designed a new opera house for Manchester. The opera house duly went up. It stands today. But the original promoting company failed. Other

commissions fell off. No new work came the partners' way for a year. Both, I imagine, contemplated switching to something more remunerative: selling matches or bootlaces at the kerb, for example. Then one morning a piece of manna dropped into their letter-box.

The letter was from Buckingham Palace. Somebody high up in the Household had read a recent work by Richardson on Regency architecture. "It was a revival," he claims—and with the King's concurrence, wanted him to improve Ducky, of Cornwall properties in the Regency manner. The main job was the reconditioning of Tor Royal, a big house on the edge of Dartmoor which the King fancied as a country pleasure; for the young Prince of Wales.

DEEP RELISH

Richardson remodelled Tor Royal and built a swarm of cottages and one or two farms with deep relish. He had one talk with George V and remembers every word of it, lovingly. "The King said, 'We have some very beautiful houses in the West of England.' Yes, sir, I said, 'very beautiful.' No Victorian," asked the King. "Generally speaking, late eighteenth century."

That was all. But it sufficed. Richardson now had a future behind him, so to speak. Plummy commissions began to snow upon the young firm. "It was like something out of the Arabian Nights."

VAST BLOCKS

The commissions are plummy, more than ever: vast blocks in the city, stately war memorials, university colleges, venerable cathedrals to be repaired, vintage churches to be recreated from blitz shells. At his office in the West End, twenty architects toil tirelessly, in Richardson's wake, turning his

summary sketches and briefings into detail drawings. Three others occupy a converted 18th-century kitchen at Avenue House (which has three kitchens in all), the only gaslit room in the place.

Many millions are being or have been invested since the war in buildings designed by Richardson. Not that his own amounts to much. "By the time the fees reach me from 80 to 85 percent, I've already gone in production costs. In architecture you are out to spend money, not to make it. It all goes."

His reconstruction of Trinity House, Tower Hill—"my finest work"—is intensely admired by others than himself. But what of his projected Financial Times building in Cannon Street? When the perspective drawing of this project was shown at the Royal Academy last summer an anguished moan went up from certain aesthetes, including the Architects Journal, "which," reflects Richardson, "cocking an ironical brow, 'I used to edit myself.'"

One critic found the design extremely dull. Another, lumping Richardson's design with other developments, projects nearby, talked darkly about a "spoliation of the City." Richardson puts all his articles into one bag and gives them a good shaking.

TWO YEARS

We went down to the draughtsmen's office. There the Financial Times detail drawings, which are taking two years to complete.

"See here. This cornice is supported by pillars of crystal glass. They'll be shoddy at night, giving the effect of an immense lara. And look at this magnificent bronze clock over the entrance. I want sculptures round the dial in the grand manner, bronzes in the style of Cellini or Goujon. That's the way to be modern. There's no such thing as originality. Only variation. The building must express Administrative Power. It must be a City Palace—not a factory for clerks."

The PRA's eloquence is mesmerising. The Financial Times facade had looked aggressive and hard-faced to me, suitable for the headquarters of some traitor. I went away thinking how opulent and majestic it was going to be.

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ARTIE'S HEADLINE

"All right, dad, you can finish playing with my train set. I'm ready to take you to the circus."

SHE HAS A ROYAL TOUCH

— By —
ANNE SHARPLEY

TEACHER of dancing, deportment and character to the Royal family, the titled classes and the wealthy for three generations is a tiny, round, golden-haired grandmother called Marguerite Vaccani.

With no titles or stately home in her own background she has taught the Queen, Princess Margaret (and some say the Duke of Windsor) how to look royal, the aristocracy how to look gracious, and the wealthy how to look aristocratic.

And she does it by starting them young.

At less than two years the good Edwardian standards are instilled into her pupils (as they are now being taught to Prince Charles and Princess Anne).

Kindness

And it is all done by extreme kindness. Affection is impartially distributed to all Miss Vaccani's "dear, dear pupils," and even the stranger can become "my sweetheart" and earn a "bless your little heart" after half an hour's acquaintance.

No child, however clumsy, receives anything but praise, until with this encouragement the arrears are made up.

Miss Vaccani does not recognise change. The same nursery exercises and little dances to a rumpty-tumpty upright piano have been taught to all her pupils all the time. She will admit this includes the royal family of Spain but will not discuss her other royal (British) pupils' lessons except to say, "They're pets. They're so good, you don't know."

Nor does she recognise economic change. Her fees have never been increased from three guineas for 10 lessons for the under-fives and 10s. more for the older pupils in nearly 40 years.

Edwardian

Although Miss Vaccani seldom takes lessons herself now (she "supervises" at the Palace, but her niece, Miss Betty Vaccani, actually gives the lessons) her portrait as a golden-haired Edwardian goddess dominates the classroom in her school in the Brompton Road.

Lessons have a decorous but party-like air. The teacher sets a glorious example by wearing a silver organza frock with a necklace of brilliants. Princess Margaret, of course, arrives in an ermine coat and bonnet. Filled organza and red ballet shoes are correct wear and boys are in the usual short supply (three to 17 girls).

Unfortunate is it that Miss Vaccani is not able to be there to give one of her unforgettable demonstrations of "How not to" followed by "How to." She can be irrepressibly comic and then will put on a flowing grace and a curtsy that is still, flawless and has been the example to debutantes for 30 years (price one guinea the curtsy lesson).

Her voice, bracing, sometimes brusque and dull of motives, must ring in royal and aristocratic heads when the spirals sink and graceless temporality ceases ("I can't do it," "Get up and get down to it").

Her eyes are fearlessly blue over the bright lipstick that stresses the firm set of her mouth. And it is typical of her that she gives "plain old cream" (her only beauty treatment) the same ring of virtue as "plain old water."

Questions

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SCOTTISH FOOTBALL GETS BRUSH-OFF

By JAMES ANDERSON

Scottish football has slumped in popularity, at least overseas. Not a single top club has received a firm offer to tour abroad this summer. Normally Spring finds leading sides deciding which country would be the attractive. Since the war Scots club teams have played from Belgium to and everywhere in between.

the present lack of

likely explanation is

its poor showing in the

Cup last summer—and

that the world would

before they will believe

movement has been made

who can blame them?

here is the strange com-

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PETER KEENAN

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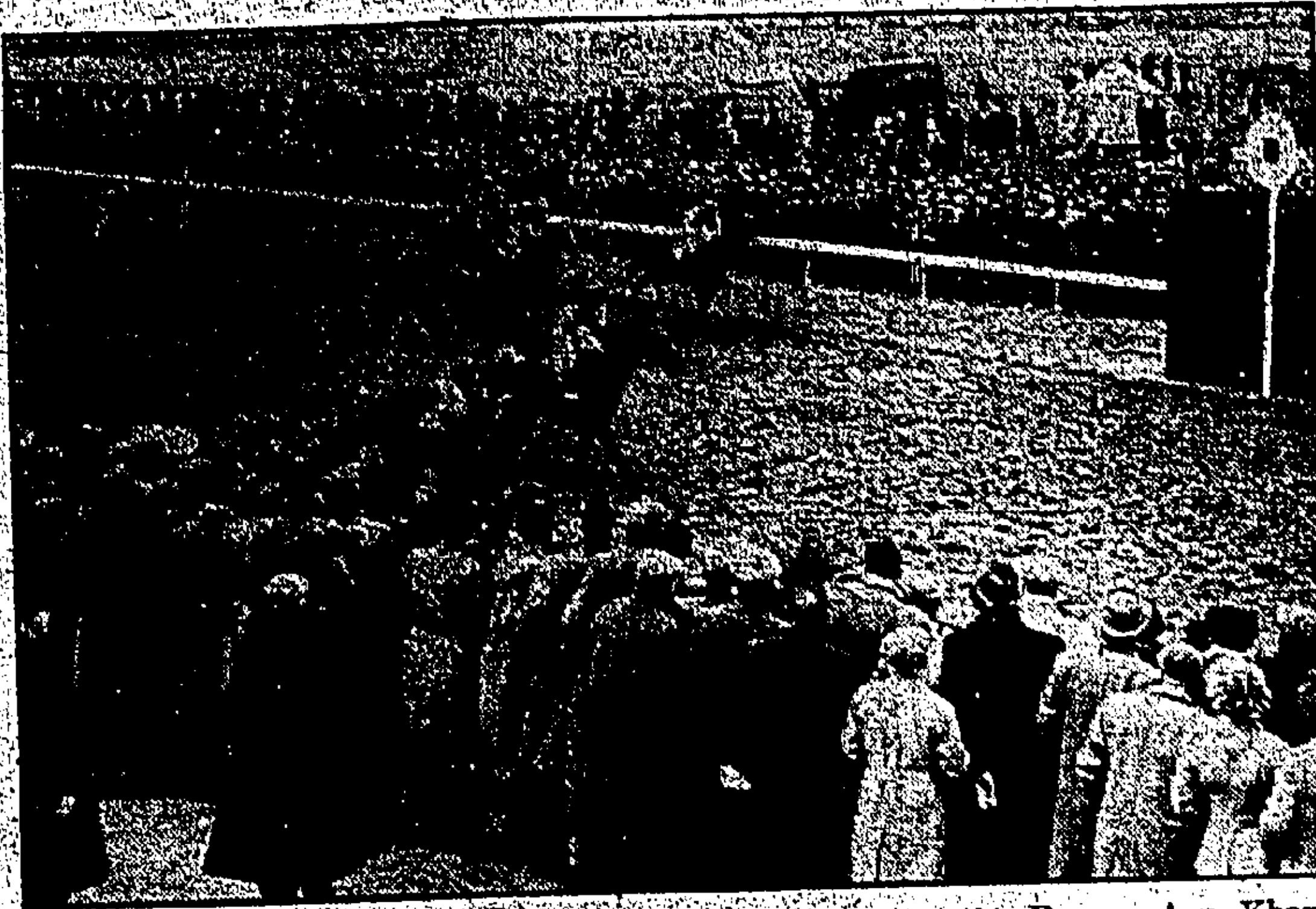
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MILITARY COURT WINS LINCOLNSHIRE



An exciting finish to the Lincolnshire Handicap as the Begum Aga Khan's Military Court, ridden by E. Mercer (nearest camera) races home ahead of Mr. M. Kingsley's Harry Lime, with K. Gethin up (next to him) and Mr. G. P. Graham's Three Star II, ridden by D. W. Morris, who was third. — Reuterphoto.

HORSES TO BACK IN 1955

Seven Furlongs Or The Mile Will Suit Chivalry

Says JAMES PARK

The main problem in selecting 12 horses to follow throughout the season is to try to make sure that they will clash as little as possible. Therefore my list is made up of six three-year-olds and six older horses. It includes sprinters, milers, middle-distance performers and stayers. I have seen them in the past few weeks and can vouch for their well-being.

For the most part the horses will be running in handicaps. That gives a better chance of a good price than in condition races. I have fought shy of the champions, whom anyone can pick out for themselves.

There are no two-year-olds. I have admired many in my tour of the stables, but whether they are as good as they look will not be known until they appear on the racetrack.

I suggest no method of staking in the past results have always been calculated on the basis of a level stake.

The Twelve to follow are for those who like an occasional bet.

The first four in my list appear below. They are given in alphabetical order.

CHEVALRY (6 years; bay)

owned by Prince Chevalier, Ann of Austria. This horse, owned by Mr. P. Hatvany and trained by Tom Rimmel, father of the National Hunt trainer Fred, has paid his way since his two-year-old days.

He made much progress last season.

ONE DOUBT

As a result of the victory in the Royal Hunt Cup the horse got too high in the handicap. That was the one doubt I had before deciding to take the risk.

I hope it will be adjusted in due course. Chivalry is honest and does not need a lot of work. His right distance is from seven furlongs to a mile.

CRITICISM (6 years; chestnut gelding by Orthodox—Superior).—This horse is happy at anything from a mile to a mile and a quarter, but there is not much fear of him clashing with Chivalry.

Criticism will not be running in top class handicaps. He is trained in Yorkshire by ex-speedway rider Jack Orrison.

Test Series

South Africa

Confident Of

Beating England

Johannesburg, Apr. 3.

Ken Viljoen, manager of the South African cricket team to tour England this year is confident they can beat the side that regained the Ashes against Australia.

If the opening batsmen could deal with Tyson and Statham and so give the Springboks attacking players a chance, South Africa should win the series, he said in an interview. In the Johannesburg Sunday Express.

"Why should our batsmen not stand up to the English fast bowlers? They stood up to Lindwall and Miller of Australia all right."

In Neil Adcock and Peter Heine, South Africa had a penetration and they did not have in Australia two years ago.

He also believed that the South African fieldings would be better than England's.

Mr. Viljoen, a former Test player, has played against England, Australia, and New Zealand and last visited England in 1947—China Mail Special.

Brian Harper A New Star With An Old Familiar Name

A new star, with an old familiar name, exploded onto the boxing scene last week. He is Brian Harper, alias London, son of former British and Empire Heavyweight Champion Jack London.

Harper's professional debut was short and sweet. Under the glare of the Royal Albert Hall art lights he knocked out Dennis Lockton within two minutes of the first round.

During his brief stay Mr. Lockton, specially brought down from Manchester for the occasion, found time for a couple of 7 and 9 before the final ring cross put him down for good. This sort of treatment is nothing new where Harper is concerned.

He has been exploding in and around rings ever since he laced on his first pair of boxing gloves as a determined schoolboy.

KNOCKOUT WINS

Few of his fights have lasted the distance. Many were the amateurs who heaved a sigh of relief when Harper turned pro.

Knockout wins he had by the dozen, a couple of opponents being dumped into ringside seats.

Only once has Harper's aggressive spirit misfired. That was in Milan last October.

Boxing in the amateur international against Italy, Harper had 2,000 Italians thirsting for blood after he had thrust gloved thumbs into his opponent's eyes.

Police escorted him from the ring.

He has been on the receiving end of doubtful tactics, too. When he first fought for England, for instance.

It was against Scotland and England, leading 6-2 had to win the last fight to clinch victory.

His opponent began by planting his head, firmly between Harper's eyebrows. Not satisfied, he leaned on him, rushed him to ropes and half-smothered him with punches known to no book of rules.

This was kindergarten stuff compared to the second round. The Scotsman swung a palpably low punch. Harper, doubled up with pain, took a count of eight.

Then he entered into the spirit of the thing, half-punched, half-threw his opponent to the floor at the third.

After receiving the verdict he joined his opponent at supper.

MILLION DOLLAR PRIZE

Since then he has bedevilled his way to more headlines. Snatching the ABA and Empire Games titles on the way.

Now he looks to the million dollar prize—the World Heavyweight crown.

Can he make it? It is too early to say.

Professionally he has yet to be tested. We have only seen a brown-haired 20-year-old, with

Sports Diary

TODAY

Exhibition matches between PT Davis Cup Team and HK (HKCC) 4.15 p.m.

Meetings

HKASA Executive Committee Meeting S.C.M. Post Board Room 5.30 p.m.

HKASA Council Meeting 3.45 p.m. Sports Road.

TOMORROW

Soccer

Div. 1: Eastern Army (CH) v. RAF v. St. Paul (CH) v. Police v. Club (BS). All matches at 8 p.m.

Div. 2: A: St. Joseph's v. South China (Navy) 6 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

Soccer

Div. 1: South China v. KMS (CH) 8 p.m.

Div. 2: A: Police v. RAF (BS) 8 p.m.

Div. 2: B: CMB v. Telephone (Navy). Both matches at 6 p.m.

Div. 2: A: RAF v. Soccerists 2: A (Kai Tak) 5.45 p.m.

TABLE TENNIS

SCORING FOR COURT GAME

Cleveland, Apr. 3.

Table tennis scoring with 21 points constituting a set, was used in the final of the Annual Professional Indoor Lawn Tennis Championships here yesterday.

Richard Gonzales of the United States won the title, beating Pancho Segura, of Ecuador, 2-1, 16-12, 21-8, 20-22, 21-19.

In the championship, only one service was allowed and the service changed every five points.

Matches were decided on the best of five sets.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby

Saturday, 9th April, 1955.

Over 600,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 8th April, as follows:—

322 Nathan Road, Kowloon; at 4.00 p.m.

5 D'Aguiar Street at 5.00 p.m.

Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 9th April, 1955.

By Order of the Stewards, PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO. Treasurers.

Magnetic Attraction

By HENRY LONGHURST

It has been said that there are two kinds of golf—golf and tournament golf. The former is the mainstay of the game and goes on, we hope, for ever, but there is much fun to be had from reading about, occasionally watching, and even more occasionally participating in the latter. The fun depends, though, not so much on low scores as on the people who make them.

Many months ago, having got a kind friend to send me from the States a copy of "The Bobby Jones Story," a compilation of the writings of his lifelong friend and biographer, the late O. B. Keeler, I registered the hope that some enterprising publisher would take it up in England.

I even went so far as to say it ought to be made compulsory reading for the young. It is from browsing through the British edition which I am happily saying "resulted and is published by Folsom at 18s.—or four and a half gill balls—that my thoughts have been running on the "personalities" that run so prolifically through its pages and on the comparative lack of them today.

Neither sixty sixes nor pizazzes clothing nor occasional bouts of club throwing make a personality, though all have been tried. Jones himself probably shared with Walter Hagen the distinction of being the greatest magnet of them all.

People flocked to see him throughout the seven long years as they came to be known, which was always the bridesmaid but never the blushing bride. They watched him when he was eight successive years he was either Open or Amateur Champion of the United States—and four times one or the other in Britain as well.

RETIREMENT AT 28

He retired, as I trust every schoolboy knows, in 1930 at the fantastic age of 28, having won all four in one year, and passed completely from the golfing stage. Six years later, on his way home from the Olympic Games in Berlin, he thought he would pay a sentimental pilgrimage to the Old course at St. Andrews.

A modest private four-ball was arranged—and when they got on the first tee several thousand people had turned up, on an equally sentimental pilgrimage to see their idol play. Jones, I believe, said it was the most moving experience of his life.

Yet he of all people never sought to be the "star turn." He never looked for limelight or "put on an act." His clothes were orthodox, his demeanour that of a man sincerely modest. Hagen, the other great "star," was precisely the reverse. There are no "Jones stories" immemorial "Hogan stories." These, too, are due for publication soon, are due for publication soon, are due for publication soon.

Hagen lives in a cottage at Pilgrim Village, up in the lakes of Michigan, and his constant insistence that it is just the weather for fishing or just the moment for another tray of refreshment has delayed the work by several years.

WILLINGLY PAID UP

Hagen wore gay clothing, changed his trousers for a different colour at lunchtime, kept people waiting till the limelight was securely focused for his own entrance, wise-cracked with the company as he walked, along, and went on the self-possessed principle of "making the easy shots look difficult." He reckoned the world owed him a diet of champagne, and the world willingly paid up.

The temptation to finish my humble space with anecdotes of Hagen is almost irresistible, but I seek the secret of the magnetism exerted equally by two men so completely opposite. It certainly does not come automatically with success; for I would even whisper, at a safe

range of some thousands of miles that I don't think the great Hagen has it, mighty as his personal and public achievements have been.

Cotton certainly had it—and retains it now, for people still prefer to watch him taking 72 than the winner doing a 68.

George Duncan had it. So did Joyce Wethered and, in a way, Abe Mitchell—and two less ostentatious persons you could hardly imagine. What the answer is I do not know. All I know is that we could do with a few who have got it today.

PHOTOGRAPHS

by our Staff Photographers

Music Festival

Reel Club Dance

Tung Wah Hospital

St. James' Settlement

The Festival of Arts

A Lizard is no Dragon

Police Passing Out Parade

D.B.S. Old Boys Association

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It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

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Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed).....

Reuter.

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BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT — To June
and Alan, a son on April 2, 1955,
at Queen Mary Hospital.

DEATHS

McBRIDE — At Perth, Western Aus-
tralia, on April 3, 1955, Andrew
Howie, beloved husband of Nan
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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONG KONG
"PROBATE JURISDICTION"

In the Goods of NLS ERIC
JEDON 301221 late of 20,
Island Road, Deep Water Bay
in the Colony of Hong Kong,
deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Court has by virtue of Section
50(1) of the Probate and Adminis-
tration Ordinance (Chapter 10 of the
Statutes of Hong Kong) made an
Order limiting the time for credi-
tors and others to send in their
claims against the above estate to
the 25th day of April, 1955.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to send
in their claims to the undersigned
on or before that date.

Dated the 1st day of April, 1955.
STEWART & CO.,
Solicitors for the Executors of
the Will of above-named deceased.
The Wing Lok Building, 2nd floor,
10, Queen's Road Central (2nd floor),
HONG KONG.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per
Cie des Messageries Maritimes
s/s "MERMAIS"

are hereby notified that their cargo
will be discharged into the Hong
Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Co., Ltd.'s godown where it will be
at consignee's risk and subject to
the wharf's terms and conditions of
storage and where delivery may be
obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left
in the godown for examination by
consignee and the company's sur-
veyors. Messrs Goddard & Douglas
at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 7th April,
1955.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left godown and all
claims remaining undelivered
after the 8th April, 1955, will be
subject to recall.

All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the undersigned on
or before the 21st April, 1955, or
they may be rejected.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

Hong Kong 4th April, 1955.

Mohammed Ali Will Discuss Turco-Iraqi Pact

Montreux, Apr. 3.
Pakistani Premier and Foreign Minister
Mohammed Ali arrived here tonight to preside
over a three-day conference of Pakistan's diplo-
matic representatives in the Middle East.

The conference will open tomorrow at the
Hotel Montreux Palace, where the International
Conference on the Turkish Straits was held in
1936.

The talks will be held behind
closed doors.

Mr. Ali, who came in from
Geneva's Cointrin airport after
a brief stopover in Lausanne,
was accompanied by Mrs. Ali and
several Pakistani officials, in-
cluding Mr. G. A. Rahin, Sec-
retary for Foreign Affairs, and Mr.
S. K. Delhavi, his assistant.

It was understood in well-
informed quarters here that the
main object of the conference
was to study the situation in the
Middle East, arising from the
conclusion of the Turco-Iraqi
defence treaty and the resulting
tension between Turkey and
some of the Arab nations, es-
pecially Syria and Egypt.

These quarters said that
the conference would take
the form of consultations
on the attitude to be
adopted by the Govern-
ment of Pakistan towards
the events in the Middle
East, but no formal decisions
would be taken before Mr.
Ali's return to Karachi.

They added, however, that
the results of the talks could
play an important part in
determining Karachi's eventual
decision whether or not to
join the Turco-Iraqi pact to
which Great Britain, has just
adhered. — France-Press.

Marlene Best Tailored Woman



New York, Apr. 3.
Grandmother Marlene Diet-
rich today led the list of the
Custom Tailors Guild's annual
"Ten Best Tailored Women in
America".

Running a close second was
Grace Kelly, who won Holly-
wood's top acting award last
week.

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby,
Secretary of Health, Education
and Welfare, represented
women in public life on the
Guild's 1955 list.

Others named were singer
Marguerite Piazza, dance ex-
pert Mrs. Arthur Murray, ac-
tress Loretta Young, singer Jane
Pickens, columnist Dorothy
Kilgallen, millionairess Gloria
Vanderbilt and operatic soprano
Roberta Peters.

The Fashion Guild said these
women had an "intangible
ability" to choose suits that
were well-tailored. — United Press.

Tenancy Case Appeal Upheld

An appeal against a ruling of
Mr. James Wicks, former Dis-
trict Court Judge, given in a
tenancy case heard before him
in Kowloon on December 14,
1954, was allowed by the Full
Court comprising Mr. Justice
T. J. Gould (Acting Chief
Justice) and Mr. Justice C. W.
Rice (Puisne Judge) this
morning.

Mr. Wicks' ruling inter alia
was that the entry of the first
appellant with the approval of
the Court for the Judge there to
take the necessary steps for the
completion of the case. (A
counter-claim by second ap-
pellants against respondent for
trespass is pending).

In their judgement, their
Lordships ordered the case to
be remitted back to the District
Court for the Judge there to
take the necessary steps for the
completion of the case. (A
counter-claim by second ap-
pellants against respondent for
trespass is pending).

Appellants were Yu Cheung
trading as Yuk Lin Tong, and
the Shung Yuen Land Invest-
ment Co., Ltd. They were rep-
resented by Mr. Lawrence,
Leong instructed by Mr. G.
Hampton of Messrs Hastings and
Company.

Respondent, Chan Chi-yung,
was not legally represented.

Mail Notices

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shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
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MONDAY, APRIL 4

Philippines, 3 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
"Panama", Japan, Middle East,
Africa, Great Britain & Europe,
9 p.m.
By Surface
N. America, 3 p.m.
Macao, 9 p.m.

Gregory Celebrates 134th Revolution Anniversary



A great Army parade was held in the streets of Athens recently in celebration of the
134th anniversary of the Greek Revolution against the Turks (March 25, 1821). King Paul
and his family attended the service in Athens Cathedral. Picture shows the Greek Royal
Family leaving Athens Cathedral after the service. King Paul and Queen Frederika lead,
followed by Crown Prince Constantine with Princess Irene (in centre) and Princess Sophia.
— Express Photo.

TOURISTS WILL SEE ROYAL MAUSOLEUM

But Traces Of The Monarchy Are Being Removed

Belgrade, Apr. 3.

The Communist authorities in a central
Serbian village are preparing the mausoleum of
the Karadjordjevic dynasty, former kings of
Serbia and Yugoslavia, for summer tourists.

All trace of the Monarchy is, however, being
removed.

Gardeners have taken advantage of the mild
winter to trim hedges and prune trees in the park
surrounding the Byzantine-style church on
Oplenac hill, which houses the remains of the
Royal family. Here are the tombs of the original
Kara-Djordje ("Black George"), who liberated
Serbia from the Turks 150 years ago, down to
King Alexander, assassinated at Marseilles in
1934.

In the centre of Topola, at
the foot of Oplenac, stands a
war memorial to those who
fell in World War I, with a
gilt inscription "erected in
gratitude by King Alexander I
and the wounded and citizens
of Topola."

GILT REMOVED

Although the gilt has now
been removed from the
words "King Alexander I"
they are still legible.

In the same way, the foreign
visitor to this sleepy, dusty
village will still sense its con-
nection with history, though no
Karadjordjevic — originally a
family of prosperous pig traders
— now lives here.

The postwar Futnik (Yugo-
slav Tourist Agency) guide book
to Serbia describes the mauso-
leum thus: "Here, at a spot
called Oplenac, is located the
Church of St. George, whose
construction was started in 1912
and completed in 1933. Its crypt
was completed in 1932.

"This exceptionally beautiful
church in Serbo-Byzantine style
is lined with vari-coloured
marble slabs on the outside,
while its interior is marble and
mosaic. It is the resting place
of Leader Kara-Djordje, whose
remains were brought here from
the church in Topola in 1931."

From local inhabitants, the
visitor will learn that the
church was built by King
Alexander (1888-1934), who is
also buried in the crypt.

In the transepts lie, under
plain marble blocks, Kara-
Djordje and King Peter I, who
led the Serbian army in World
War I and became first King of
Yugoslavia after the country's
formation in 1918.

Now that most of the Kara-
djordjevic family are in exile,
their existence is virtually
ignored by the regime. The
wedding of Prince Alexander &
Princess Maria Pia of Savoy in
Portugal in February was not
reported in the Yugoslav Press.

KEPT CLEAN

The mausoleum, now
under the protection of the
state, is kept clean and tidy,
and visitors are encouraged.
The roof, however, needs
renewal. The custodian, who
was caused by German
shells during the war.
King Alexander, in building
the mausoleum, wished to em-
phasize the continuity of the
Karadjordjevic monarchy with
history.

He employed German crafts-
men to decorate the entire wall
space of the church and its crypt
with mosaics, copied from
frescoes in the monasteries
founded by the rulers of the
powerful Serbian Empire, who
succumbed to the Turks in the
fourteenth century.

Thereby he hoped to graft
the Karadjordjevic dynasty on
the achievements of medieval
Serbia, bridging the gap of five
centuries of Turkish occupation
and national obliteration.

Before World War II, it could
have been argued that he was
over-optimistic. The Kara-
djordjevic dynasty was not con-
tinuous during the last century,
but alternated with that of the
Obrenovic's and several rulers
including Kara-Djordje and
Alexander himself met death at
the hand of assassins.

PROVED WRONG

History, in fact, proved
him wrong, since the
dynasty ended abruptly
with World War II and the
advent of Communism.

Alexander lies beside his
mother with, on the other side,
an empty tomb. Of all the tombs
in the crypt, more than half are
empty. They were destined for
their descendants, but Kara-
djordje and Alexander hoped, would be future
Kings of Yugoslavia.

No icons are seen in the
church today. No candles burn
there now. Instead, the frescoes
are efficiently lit by cold electric
light. — China Mail Special.

Radio Hongkong

7 p.m. Signal and Programme
Summary: 8 p.m. Children's Play Hour
presented by Joan and Valerie
(Studio): 8.30 Australian dialogue
The fortnightly review of Australian
Industry: 9 p.m. Songs We Remember
(Studio): 9.15 News of the
Organ (G.B.): 10 p.m. Literary Choice
presented by Jan Dekker (Studio):
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PHILIPPINE TRADE DELEGATION

New York, Apr. 3. Leaders of the Philippine trade and goodwill mission said today they had set as their immediate goal a \$10,000,000 annual increase in their sale of Philippine goods to the United States.

Mr. P. E. Domingo, mission chairman, said at a Press conference that the group's three-week tour of US cities from coast to coast had given a pretty good idea of the American demand for products of the Philippines, and of the steps necessary to market them.

In Seattle, the mission members found that American women were attracted by pina cloth and other pina products.

Washington, the mission inquired about Philippine industrial products that would not run into competition with US products.

WOOD MARKET

There appeared to be an excellent market in the United States for plywood, hardwoods and other Philippine lumber products.

Mr. Domingo said there was considerable talk with Washington officials about US help in the processing of such raw materials of the islands as materials and lumber. There were inquiries about the possibility of boosting Philippine ship-building, smelting of ore, rolling mill and machine shop operations.

Mr. Domingo said that to get into the American market on a bigger scale the Philippine industries would have to be "policed" by Filipinos through the home industry association of the Philippines in order to adapt uniform export standards.

EXAMINATION

"We must process every export," he said. "We must see that before an order is accepted, the bank will examine the capacity of the exporter to produce."

He mentioned three vital conditions for increasing sales:

1. Philippine products must be presented well to American buyers.
2. Philippine capacity to produce in quantity must be assured.
3. Products must be of uniform quality and up to importers' standards.—United Press.

Argentina Oil Accord Reported

New York, Apr. 3. No confirmation was available here today concerning President Peron's announcement yesterday that an oil accord had been reached with foreign companies to develop Argentine oil production.

President Peron did not disclose the name of the companies involved in the "agreement" which he said would greatly boost the country's oil production.

Oil circles here understood that the companies he referred to included Standard Oil Co. of California, Standard Oil (NJ) and the Royal Dutch-Shell group. All three companies confirmed today that negotiations had been going on in Buenos Aires.

A spokesman for Standard Oil Co. (NJ) told United Press: "We have not signed anything as yet but we are still negotiating with Argentina. It looks encouraging." A spokesman said: "We have received word that an agreement has been finally reached."

The Royal Dutch-Shell spokesmen have referred all queries about the Argentine negotiations to the firm's London headquarters. No comment was immediately available from that city today.—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Apr. 3. The Bank of France statement for the week ended March 24, reads as follows:

Total gold holding	2,012,501,471
Total foreign currencies	11,194,706,209
Sign balance abroad	78,201,191,869
Advanced to Govt.	121,400,000,000
Stable fund	1,197,200,000,000
Total	2,491,008,178,700
Current accounts and deposits	115,962,042,465

—United Press.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Apr. 3. Stocks turned irregular this past week after a sharp rise a week ago.

Trading picked up and rounded out the biggest month of March in 25 years. Individual issues provided heavy volume and all of the features. The main list tended easier in industrials and utilities, and higher in the rails whose earnings are picking up sharply.

With the market bumping the bull market highs it was not surprising to the experts that the trading would turn selective with rotation of groups the order of the day.

Things atomic continued to spur wide gains in a long list although the "advances" were backed away by profit-taking late in the week.

COPPER'S BENEFIT. Copper got a real whirl when the price of domestic copper was increased three cents a pound, bringing it more nearly in line with the much higher foreign price which had been luring copper away from the domestic users.

Copper shares at their levels had gained reaching to nearly 15 points on the week.

Chile Copper was the first performer with Andes second. Good gains were scored by Magma, Cerro de Pasco, Anaconda, American Smelting, and Copper Range.

In the electronics group, prices were pushed ahead for the first time in the week, but later selling cut them down.

Among the so-called atom group, both Iron was the star. One day it soared 11 points. Next day it lost 10, the drop caused by an official denial it was planning a merger and a Navy statement there were no atomic destroyers contemplated at this time.

AIRCRAFTS RETREAT. Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton continued in favour for a time on its projected atomic locomotive. General Dynamics had, further, vigour on its atomic submarine, the Nautilus. The aircrafts retreated.

Some of the oils had wide gains; notably Deep Rock, Houston and Texas Co.

Short covering played a part in a late spurt in the Friday session, after the list had run into moderate profit-taking.

The electrical equipments came to the forefront in the final session. Motors also were stronger.

The business news made good reading. The giant industries continued to operate under the recent high levels.—United Press.

US Tariff Commission Hearings Conclusion

Washington, Apr. 3. The Tariff Commission concluded hearings today aimed to determine, in effect, the number of products on which the United States might cut import duties in order to compensate Switzerland for last year's increase in wheat tariffs.

Included in the list to be negotiated at reciprocal trade talks with the Swiss are dyes, surveying instruments, clock mechanisms, cameras and camera parts and some other products.

The Commission also received information on possible duty reductions on fish products and other goods to be negotiated in similar talks with Japan.

SPEED UP. Chairman Edgar B. Brossard told the United Press the Commission intends to report the result of its week-long hearings to President Eisenhower within the next two weeks although the law allows a 120-day study period. He said the work would be accelerated so that the President may forward the information to the US delegations already in Switzerland and Japan.

The Commission's report will not be made public unless it is disapproved by the President who must then take it up with Congressional committees. The idea of giving the Swiss tariff cuts to compensate them for the hike in wheat tariffs was vigorously protested by most of the industry's spokesmen appeared before the Commission.—United Press.

WHAT HAS BUTLER TO GIVE AWAY?

Rising Production Buys Hopes For Tax Concessions

From Ronald Boxall

London, Apr. 3.

The Government's annual Economic Survey has been eagerly scanned for clues to the Chancellor's Budget intentions. Lacking the informed comment of the strike bound national Press the general public has passed lightly over the less pleasant aspects of the current situation and fastened its hopes on passages dealing optimistically with the prospects for long run economic expansion.

Certainly there is much to place on the credit side. Production is still rising—and what is more important so is output per man-hour. Real incomes are higher than they have ever been and this has enabled Britain to increase both its internal consumption and investment in new industrial equipment. At the same time personal savings have been maintained at around 1s. 5d. for every pound of personal income. This was possible because wages and salaries rose last year by 7½ per cent while retail prices went up by only 1½ per cent.

All this, together with the fact that the 1954-55 Budget year has ended with an ordinary surplus of £433 million, has naturally encouraged the hopes that the Chancellor will have something to "give away" in his Budget on April 19. But it overlooks the damaging effect the too rapid expansion of the home has had on Britain's external position.

Towards the close of last year the United Kingdom's balance of payments ran into serious trouble. The surplus of £172 million (including defence aid) earned in transactions with the rest of the world in the first half of the year was transformed in the second into a deficit of £12 million. This worsening moreover, was all on the non-sterling side of the United Kingdom's payments account.

Partly because of this and partly because of seasonal factors the sterling area outside Britain had a surplus with the rest of the non-sterling world of only £3 million in the second half of 1954 compared with a surplus of £113 million in the first half. Thus instead of earning a surplus of £125 million as it did in 1953 the sterling area as a whole barely managed to pay its way in 1954. This explains the fall in gold reserves and the weakening of sterling late in 1954 and early this year and amply justifies the strict measures taken in Britain and Australia to restore the situation.

There is no mystery about the deterioration in Britain's external position. The natural consequence of prosperity at home is a rising import bill for raw materials and consumer goods on the one hand and a tendency for goods to be diverted away from the export trade into the home market on the other. The situation moreover has been aggravated recently by a rise in import prices without any corresponding rise in export prices— which means that Britain has now to export more to be able to buy the same volume of imports.

N.Y. COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Apr. 3.

Cotton futures finished the week with minor gains and losses after swaying haphazardly over a range of \$3 a bale.

Price-weakening factors included the slackening volume of raw cotton exports, in face of uncertainty as to the Government's intention to handle the new export subsidy policy.

Nearly contracts bore the brunt of the selling, with the May delivery dropping to 32.19 cents a pound in the mid-week, setting the lowest spot month price in four weeks.

Subsequent rallies reflected technical conditions within the markets, and a realisation that the futures went to a normal correction.

EXPORT SITUATION. Possibilities for a higher Government loan rate in the new crop suggested by the mid-March parity price rise, and firmness of spot prices generated some intermittent rallying power.

But the beleaguered export situation dominated all market thinking. Agriculture Secretary Mr. Benson, said his department is not ready to issue a formal statement on cotton exports. But he gave assurance surplus cotton will not be "in a way to break world markets," and indicated he might make formal statement soon to "clear the atmosphere."

Foreign brokers were leading sellers of new crop deliveries while the export subsidy question was debated. Straddle traders pointed out that the New York-Liverpool Oct.-Nov. spread has reached down to 74 points.—United Press.

U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Apr. 3. Raw cotton exports by destination was reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-55 season by March 28 were as follows:

Britain	1,400,000
France	1,400,000
Germany	1,400,000
Italy	1,400,000
Japan	1,400,000
U.S.S.R.	1,400,000
Other	1,400,000
Total	10,000,000

Same period last year: 10,000,000. —United Press.

THE PROBLEM

The problem for Britain's economic policy is how to slow down the rise in demand at home so as to preserve a proper balance between imports and exports while at the same time creating the conditions for long run economic expansion.

Fortunately prospects are not as gloomy as they may seem. Taking the home demand and the exports demand together, says the Economic Survey, there is a likelihood of some further expansion in 1955. But industrial

production is expected to go rising—already this year (it is between two and three per cent higher than the 1954 average)—and further increases in productivity are looked for.

The task which the Chancellor will begin with his new Budget, is to ensure that the home market does not take more than its proper share of this higher production. According to the Survey the main objective of the economic policy is to do this while at the same time providing adequate incentives for long run expansion.

STRICT INTERPRETATION. On the strictest economic interpretation, therefore, the Chancellor should leave taxes as they are and if necessary regulate consumption by manipulating interest rates so as to discourage that part of the public's spending which is financed by borrowing.

This would be a difficult policy to follow at the best of times. This year with a general election in the offing it would be practically impossible. Rightly or wrongly the public is convinced that tax concessions are possible and to disappoint its hopes would be to run a grave political risk.

It should not be assumed, however, that any tax relief that the Chancellor may give in his Budget will be dictated by political considerations alone.

PRODUCTION ABILITY. In the long run a nation's prosperity depends on its ability to produce the goods and services needed to satisfy its own internal demands and pay for its imports.

More production is not simply the best, but the only way to achieve more prosperity. And that in turn can only be obtained if industry and individuals are given what the Economic Survey calls "adequate incentives."

The scope for tax concessions this year will be limited; but if the British economy is to be "dynamic" and "go ahead" the Chancellor will have to make a start now and produce something more to the nation's liking than another "as you were" Budget.

British Steel Mission

New Delhi, Apr. 3. A British mission arrived here by air today to discuss plans for the setting up of a British steel plant in India. It is expected the British plant would have an output of 1,000,000 tons of steel a year and would be located at Durgapur in Bengal. India recently signed an agreement with Russia for the building of a steel plant in central India. Another plant is being built in Germany with German assistance in eastern India.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$410,892.30. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HSBC	1500	7	1533
INSURANCES			
Union			965
DOCKERS			
K. Wharf	60 1/2		
Dock X	24 7/8		
PROPERTIES			
XAL	12	1000	11.50
Wheelock	7 1/2	7.20	1000
Land	17.40	17 1/2	1000
HK Hotel	17.40	17 1/2	1000
HK Land	84	85	250
Humphrey	22.02 1/2	6000	2.02 1/2
Realty			
Ymat Ferry	113	200	112
C. Light (O)	18.10	170	18
			1000
			150
			800
C. Light (N)	14.10	14.20	1000
Electric	35 1/2	300	14.20
Telephone	30 1/2	31 1/2	2326
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement			28.80
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	21.80	22.10	1300
			300
			700
			22.10
Watson	13.30	13 1/2	500
W. Ford	24.90		13.40
COTTONS			
Textile Corps	6	1000	6.50
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yankee	8 1/4	6000	6.50
			1000
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Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Apr. 4. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

British	Borneo	Petroleum
Syndicate		
Consolidated Tin		30/9d
Ordinary		30/6d
Fraser & Neave Ltd.		1/97
Ordinary		50.50
Malayan Breweries		31.55
Malayan Bank		31.55
Malayan Electric		31.55
Malayan Cold Storage		31.55
South British Insurance		31.55
Strait Steamship		31.55
United Engineers		31.55
Waters Brothers		31.55
Hongkong Tin		31.55
Penang Tin		31.55
with div. China Mail Special.		

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Apr. 3. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Mar. 30, reads as follows:

Note in circulation	1,295,200,420
Public deposits	1,792,633
Private deposits	1,241,628
Government securities	712,281,629
Other securities	27,221,860
Receipts	21,519,854
Ratio	100

—United Press.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

P.O. Box 53, Queen's Building, Tel: 26551

FAST PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"VIETNAM" sailing Apr. 9th
"CAMBODGE" sailing May 20th

FAST FREIGHT SERVICE

"MEINAM" sailing Apr. 24th
"PELHO" sailing May 12th

LACK OF NEWS SLOWS MARKETS

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Apr. 3.

Both quietness and firmness of the London stock markets last week could be largely ascribed to the lack of national newspapers.

With the main body of investors unable to get information about movement of prices or current company news the volume of business was down to a minimum. Only good news filtered through to the markets and bad news remained unreported.

Thus the scare over the situation in Formosa had next to no effect while the Economic Survey, with its optimistic forecast of continuing prosperity, and the favourable outcome of the 1954-55 financial year discouraged any tendency to sell.

INDUSTRIALS FLUCTUATE

In this state of the market the relatively small buying orders had a disproportionately large effect on prices, most of which were up.

Glittered improved steadily through the week with War Loan 3½ per cent up 15s to £85 15s. Industrials fluctuated narrowly at first but a firmer tendency set in with the opening of the new account and plus signs were liberally sprinkled through the main body of shares.

Shipping shares were marked down on labour troubles in Liverpool docks but rallied when work was resumed.

Newspaper shares fell at the start of the Fleet Street strike but recovered later on belief that the price of the national morning papers will have to be increased to meet losses caused through the stoppage.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.81
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.65
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	11.50
Siam baht (per 100)	27.50
Singapore (Straits)	1.80
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	8.70

United States.

EVERETT ORIENT LINE

Fast regular freight — refrigerator — passenger service to Korea, Japan, Philippines, Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, Rangoon, Calcutta and Chittagong.

"BRADEVERETT"

Arrives Apr. 6 from Manila.
Sails Apr. 7 for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, Chittagong & Calcutta.

"REBEVERETT"

Arrives Apr. 22 from Singapore.
Sails Apr. 22 for Kobe & Yokohama.

(Accepting cargo for transhipment Kobe/Fusan and Kobe/Okinawa)

EVERETT STAR LINE

Fast regular freight — refrigerator service to Japan, Malaya, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf.

(Subject to indentment for direct call Korea)

"THAI"

Arrives Apr. 16 from Singapore.
Sails Apr. 16 for Kobe & Yokohama.

"STAR ARCTURUS"

Arrives Apr. 19 from Japan.
Sails Apr. 20 for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Khorramshahr, Basrah, Kuwait & Bahrain.

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Clean Bill

WHEN they had watched him for long enough, trying the door-handles of parked cars, the two policemen closed in on Edward.

"We're arresting you," one of them said, "for being a suspected person, loitering with intent to steal from unattended cars."

"You can't, it's a lie. I've just come from my work," Edward cried, so loudly that the afternoon crowds in the West End street slowed their steps, sensing drama.

"Come along," the policeman said.

"You can't do this. I'm a neurotic. I done nothing."

LIES?

BUT the police had their way, and the crowd saw Edward led off. A short fair man, with receding hair and a jazy necktie.

As Bow Street next morning he pleaded not guilty to the charge against him. The police told their story to Mr. E. G. Robey, the magistrate, then Edward was invited to ask questions.

"Do you deny you've been telling a pack of lies?" he asked. "I do deny it," the policeman answered.

"Didn't I beg you to let me go to hospital?"

"On the way to the station you did discuss a neurotic complaint."

Edward was asked if he wished to give evidence on oath.

I'LL NEVER KNOW

HE preferred to speak from the dock. He said: "At the rate I'm going, I'm going to have a whole page of 'sus' charges against me. Every time I come to London, they get me. And I've done nothing. Till the day I die, I'll never know why last time I got 12 months at London Sessions."

"You shouldn't tell me about your bad character, but about yesterday," the magistrate reminded.

"Pah!" Edward cried, curling his lip like an actor in melodrama. "About yesterday nothing—only I'm innocent."

NO COMMENT

"YOU'VE put it to the police that they've committed perjury," said the magistrate. "They can't do that sort of thing, you know."

For a moment Edward seemed to be casting round for a comment. Then he gave up, as if not trusting himself. Instead, he said: "My only trouble is I'm neurotic. It's hospital I need."

The case was found proved. "Anything known?" the magistrate asked.

There were seven previous convictions against Edward, and the last had labelled Edward as an incorrigible rogue.

"He tells me he started a job in a restaurant three days ago," said a detective.

MOMENT OF CRISIS

"I SHALL remind you for a medical report," said the magistrate, and hearing that, Edward's expression sweetened, and indignation fell away from him. He took his leave of the court like a child, leaving a party, who has suddenly remembered he should have his manners with him.

A week later, Edward was brought back. He looked a new man, full of confidence. The doctors' report was handed to the magistrate and expectancy lit Edward's face.

Then the magistrate looked up. His expression was grave, and Edward's taut. They might have been doctor and patient steeling themselves to a crisis.

The magistrate spoke. The colour drained from Edward's face, he swayed on his feet, and leaning heavily on the gavel, was shown out, to await sentence once more at Sessions as an incorrigible, rogue. The doctors had given him a clean bill of health.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

LABOUR PARTY'S WORST SPLIT IN ITS HISTORY

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Mar. 30.

There were two things at least which must have warmed the cockles of the heart of Prime Minister R. G. Menzies on his return from London and Washington talks at the weekend.

First was the shattered unity in the ranks of the Australian Labour Party; the second the engagement of his only daughter, Heather.

Perhaps never before in its long history has the Labour Party been so torn apart and on such a widespread front. Previously the Party, with its iron discipline, has either been able to keep its troubles simmering below the surface or confine revolts to narrow fronts. Even the bitter long fight of the 30's was, generally speaking, kept to NSW.

Now, however, practically every State is involved and each State has its warring factions.

One has to be pretty well up in Labour doctrine to keep tab of all that is happening, but at the back of it all is a devout Roman Catholic, Mr. Santamaria, a Melbourne lawyer, having no active part in politics but said to have his hands on more strings than the operator of a puppet show. Then there is an indefinable something just known as The Movement—a sort of secret society within the Party.

Leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, Dr. Evatt—who is also Leader of the Opposition—some time ago made a pretty direct attack on Mr. Santamaria—and from then on the Party has been at war.

It has been said that Doc Evatt, the first leader of the Party for a long time who is not a member of the Roman Catholic Church—has bought into a sectarian fight; it has also been said that the Doc will not be a Labour Prime Minister.

HEADS WILL ROLL

Be that as it may, it is certain that pretty soon the Labour Party is going to clamp down on someone. Its whole strength is gathered from loyalty to Party and platform and this rebellion will not be tolerated. Some heads are going to roll and while the Doc's will not be included, it would be no surprise to see some pretty dramatic changes take place before the next elections.

And while all this is unlikely to bring joy to the hearts of the Labour bosses it certainly does much to put spring into the step of the Prime Minister. So much so that it is an open secret that he is toying with the thought of an election of both the House of Representatives and the Senate next year—which would be very much before its time.

The excuse is to bring the election of the two Houses together again and so repair the break caused by the last double dissolution, but there is much truth in the Canberra press talk that he is hoping to catch Labour with its pants down.

ENGAGEMENT PARTY

The Prime Minister looked positively roguish at the engagement party for his daughter this week. He announced the engagement of Miss Heather to Peter Henderson, a young diplomat.

Miss Heather looked happy about it all, too, but she must have felt that something was missing, for Peter is doing his stint of duty as Third Secretary at the Embassy at Djakarta.

The couple plan to marry in May or June and make their honeymoon in Indonesia—and Dad is going to miss daughter very much, for she has been with him on many of his world travels.

And while the Prime Minister might have been impressed with all that London and Washington had to offer, he must have given a happy sigh when back among the thrills of Canberra.

The other day a man chased a fox from a school and a woman grabbed a spade and beheaded a 5-ft goanna. There's always something at the national capital to keep one on the jump.

OLYMPICS MISGIVINGS

For the last two years or more we have been muttering dark and unpatriotic misgivings about the Olympic Games, set down for Melbourne next year.

Let us say right out now that may be no organising committee in history has met the frustration, irritations, pin-pricks and down-to-earth cussedness that has faced the one in Melbourne.

The members had to battle for finance, for materials, for sites, with shortages and more industrial troubles than you'd find in a battalion of miners, wharves and seamen.

Now the president of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Avery Brundage, is here to investigate "disturbing reports."

Chairman of the Olympic Games Organising Committee in Melbourne: Mr. W. S. Kent Hughes, said at the weekend that he wasn't pessimistic about the preparations for the Games.

He said the construction and financing of the Olympic Stadium at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Olympic Park had been handed over to a special construction committee.

"LOT OF TIME"

"There may be a bit of trouble at present with labour at these works, but although the work has got a little behind, we always had a lot of time up our sleeves and I am not worried about it," he said.

He added that there were far more hotels in Melbourne than Helsinki and he was certain that every visitor would be comfortably accommodated.

"We certainly have some headaches, but I have no doubt at all that we will get over them all right," he said.

That's fine. But Mr. Kent Hughes will find that time up his sleeve is getting mighty short as the months move on, and unless someone takes a pretty strong powder for those headaches, he won't have to worry about the accommodation problem—there won't be any customers to create one.

WARSHIP'S FAREWELL

The old cruiser Australia was towed down the Harbour on Saturday. On her way to Britain and the wrecker's yards—and created far more interest than has ever did a ship and pride of the Australian Fleet.

By special permission of the Naval Board, flags on Garden Island signalled "Goodbye Australia" as the tow began. Flags on the hulk—again by permission, answered "Goodbye Australia."

More than 100 members of the HMAS Australia Veterans' Association and other Servicemen followed her down the harbour on the Showboat, specially chartered by the shipbreakers who have bought the vessel from the Federal Government.

Four former commanding officers were there to see her off. Rear-Admiral H. J. Buchanan and Rear-Admiral H. B. Farncombe, saluted their old ship from the Admiral's Barge; Rear-Admiral M. M. Burrell and Captain G. C. Oldham farewelled the ship from Garden Island.

After 27 years of serving the nation, including just about all World War II war zone, maybe the old ship deserved to be piped to her grave.

ONE BRIGHT SPOT

Tomorrow we leave behind one of the most unhappy months of March on record; it has rained just about every day; towns on rivers throughout the State have been ravaged; people with homes on the flat lands down the eastern coast are living in a hair-trigger. One bright spot—more than £1,000,000 have been subscribed by ordinary people to help the flood victims start again.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Well, if Susie's mother is almost ready to let her use lipstick, just tell her your mother almost gave you permission too!"

SOME NOTES ON THE ARTS FESTIVAL EXHIBITION

At the first full day of the Festival Art Exhibition yesterday, there was an encouraging attendance of 3,000, which is good for a wet Sunday. Wandering along the 800 feet length of exhibition space, it was pleasant for a self-styled aesthete or professed though inexperienced "appreciator" to find how impressive this exhibition has turned out to be.

On first entering, one finds on one's right a group of sculpture, some fine heads, marble figures, a small half-statue of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and a welcome absence of Henry Moore's statues of holes made in stone—admirers of Moore please forgive my philistinism.

This encouraging start leads on to a gallery mainly of oil paintings, including works of artists well to the fore in Hong-kong, and others whose names will doubtless be seen again. Hong-kong and its surroundings are kind to the artist, both in the variety of scenery which is always provided by sea, islands, mountains and light effects; and in the many different human types and costumes. The Hong-kong artists have made good use of their material, and in general, it is the landscapes, seascapes, junks, street scenes and the like which are the most satisfying of these pictures.

ONE DISADVANTAGE

The water colours were ranged along another gallery. One always feels that they are seen at a disadvantage on account of the glass, which reflects the other light and often gives the wrong emphasis. This struck me particularly in a fine picture of a giant crane in a dockyard, which is a beautiful composition where everything curves towards the topmost point of the crane. But the reflected light was at the foot of the picture, unless one stood in a certain position; then everything suddenly became right.

The portraits on the whole are less successful than the scenic paintings; but portraiture is perhaps the hardest of all pictorial arts—no only faces, but hands are so difficult. Maybe a true hand is an even severer test than a true facial expression; think of Leonardo's sketches of hands, and Durer, Rembrandt and the Spanish masters. With portraits, of course, the photographer has a certain advantage, although it is not at all true that "the camera cannot lie."

In the pictures presented by the Hong-kong Photographic Society, it is the portraits which stand out, both human and animal. The photographer can catch the perfect moment and record it for all time. It is impossible to go into detail, but visitors will pick out the wonderful pictures of children and old people especially. There are some very clever trick photographs taken as though through opaque glass, or using shadows and reflections. In style of technical progress, it is still the black-and-white which are the best pictures; the coloured prints are still too chocolate-boxy, and do not have the realistic quality of projected colour slides.

OLD HONGKONG

It is interesting to compare these modern photographs with those on exhibition of old Hong-kong, some dating back 100 years; not only on account of the obvious development of Hong-kong since then, and of

the changes in fashion both in costume and building, but of the difference in the technique of taking photographs—the terribly formal group of those days, the impression of lack of depth and of contrast. But it is remarkable that these old photographs have been so well kept. They are a great attraction.

The whole exhibition contains surprisingly few examples of abstract or "modernistic" art—except for some of the murals on the outside walls and in the courtyard. The most striking abstract pictures, perhaps, are in the children's section, in which the paintings are a little crowded, though the general effect is of extreme gaiety and colourfulness. I particularly liked the group murals or wall-strips produced by some of the schools, and I thought the level of painting was quite as high as that recently seen in the British Council exhibition of children's paintings from England.

PLEASING PICTURES

The section of paintings by the contemporary Chinese school contains some very pleasing flower and bird pictures. One feels that the limits imposed by the strict classical tradition make it difficult for many of these to be outstanding simply because they have to follow certain rules. I liked especially the duck eating a large beetle and the peacock scroll. There was not one picture which I should not be pleased to receive as a gift. It is indeed an excellent thing to keep alive this fine tradition of classical painting, but these days it has become largely imitative, and the modern painter will try to combine the skill, delicacy and control of the Chinese tradition with free Western forms.

The Chai and Law & Sayer Collections need no comment, for they are already well-known and form the basis of what we hope will one day be Hong-kong's municipal Art Gallery. All that remains to cover of the 800 feet is the area devoted to sketches and paintings by the students of the School of Architecture of Hong-kong University. These are interesting from a social as well as an artistic viewpoint, and show that the students are learning something about life in Hong-kong, the city to which most of them will be applying their talents. Unfortunately there was no time to go to the cinema, but a pleasant background of recorded music issued from it during the morning.

"YOUR EXHIBITION"

It is hoped that the attendance will reach at least 3,500 each day of this Exhibition. All citizens are urged to go and see it—this is Your Exhibition, made possible by you, your fellow-citizens and your Government. Go more than once and take the children for a holiday treat; they will enjoy it.

It is indeed encouraging to see what we in Hong-kong have been able to create, and proof

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Leave Granted To Swear

Death Of Family

Leave to swear the deaths of three members of a family as having occurred at separate times during the Japanese occupation of the Colony was granted by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Puisne Judge, at the Supreme Court this morning.

The deceased were Mr Arthur Edward Jenkins, clerk, formerly of the Home for the Aged, Customs Pass Road, his wife, Mrs Nellie Jenkins, and their son, Mr Barney George Jenkins, both of 17 Hau Wong Road, first floor.

The applications were made by Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr A. M. L. Soares, of Messrs Brutton and Co., on behalf of the Official Administrator.

Mr Winter said there were two comprehensive affidavits before the Court, one by his instructing solicitor and the other by Sister Gertrude of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The latter could be said to contain the positive evidence, and in Mr Soares' affidavit reference was made to advertisements relating to the deceased published in the

Amahs' Story Of Alleged Hold-Up

Two Amahs Who Alleged

They were the victims of a hold-up in Bowen Road on March 11 last testified before Judge A. D. Schofield in the Victoria District Court this morning when two men, Lai Lai and Poon Cheuk, appeared for trial on a charge of robbery with aggravation.

They pleaded not guilty to robbing Ho Siu-ho of a wrist watch and \$10 and Ng Nyan-hang of \$1.40. Mr A. el Arculli, Jr., appeared for the second accused.

Insp. K. Bodie, prosecuting, said the complainants were amahs employed at Shaukiwan. About 9.30 a.m. on March 11, they were walking along Bowen Road to visit a friend in house No. 18 when a man overtook them and asked where they were going. He held what appeared to be a dagger in his hand. The amahs tried to turn back, but found their way blocked by two other men, one of whom also appeared to be holding a dagger.

THREATENED

One of the men told them not to shout or they would be killed. The amahs were then searched and property was taken from them. After this the three men ran off eastwards along Bowen Road.

The amahs made their way to No. 16 and reported the matter by telephone to the Police.

Later, in the police station, they saw two men brought in and first complainant identified first accused. She also identified her wrist watch.

Second accused was arrested by the Police about 2.30 a.m. on March 12 in a hut at Wong Hang Village, Shaukiwan, and first complainant subsequently picked him out at an identification parade as being very similar to one of the men who had robbed her.

The trial is proceeding.

Charged With Speeding And Assault

Motor Cyclist Before Central Court

Chow Chun-hung, 24-year-old employee of the Hong-kong Telephone Company, of 41, Shouson Hill Road, charged with exceeding the speed limit and assault on Police officer on foot, appeared before Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the first charge, but not guilty to the second.

Sub-insp. J. P. MacMahon prosecuted.

First witness, PC 2806, giving evidence, said that on March 25, while on motor cycle duty at King's Road, he saw defendant on motor cycle 485, riding towards North Point. On the pillion was a girl. Timing the cycle, the constable found that they were exceeding the speed limit by two to eight miles an hour.

When defendant turned into the garage of the Empire Theatre, the constable followed. There he saw defendant driving licence. Chow took it out, but at first refused to hand it over, saying, "What right have you to take my licence?"

THEY STRUGGLED

Witness continued that defendant told him: "You need not be so cheeky, for if you are, I will beat you when you come off duty."

Witness then said that he told defendant he was going to arrest him for threatening a Police officer and asked him to go to the Police station. Defendant refused and a struggle ensued. During the struggle, the constable's strap was damaged, and also his white sleeve covering and the left breast pocket of his tunic.

PC 2806 then called for help from Bay View station, and with the aid of PC 101, he brought Chow to the station.

Cross-examining, Chow said that he did not fight with the constable. He said that while asking for his driving licence, complainant was rude. Defendant said, "You should not try to bully a gentleman like me."

Then the constable took hold of the back of his collar and said he was arresting him. Defendant said that in trying to ward off the constable, he

Prosecution Fails To Prove Case

Remarking that the Prosecution had failed to prove carelessness, Mr J. T. Morris dismissed a summons against Flying Officer A. Brown, RAF, Kai Tak, who was summoned for allegedly driving without due care and attention.

The Prosecution alleged that Flying Officer Brown collided with the rear of a Police vehicle outside the Majestic Theatre on the afternoon of August 8, last year. The Police vehicle was in a line of traffic halted by a point duty Police officer. Flying Officer Brown's car was directly behind the Police wagon.

The Police driver, Mau Mah, said that he had first given a signal to slow down and had also signalled to stop. As soon as he applied the brake he felt a bump and saw defendant's car hit his vehicle.

THE DEFENCE

In defence, Flying Officer Brown said he was travelling along Nathan Road towards Star Ferry and on reaching Yumai he noticed a crowd coming out of the Po Hing and Majestic theatres. Among the crowd was a young boy who dashed out from the pavement. He focused his attention on the boy who was stopped and snatched back to the pavement by his mother.

When he again turned his attention to the traffic, he saw his vehicle was some feet from the Police wagon. He applied his brake and the car stopped, but having an independent suspension movement, the car surged forward and bumped into the rear of the Police wagon.

Dismissal of the summons, Mr Morris said: "To prove carelessness and the evidence was not enough to justify a conviction."

accidentally tore his white sleeve. The constable then took out his revolver and pointing it at his abdomen, tried to take him to Bay View Police Station.

PC 101 said that he received a telephone call from first witness on March 25, and going to the Empire Theatre, he saw witness with a torn tunic pocket and sleeve. He then helped take defendant to the station.

Hearing is adjourned to April 20.

Death Of Mr A.H. McBride

News has been received of the death yesterday at Perth, Western Australia, of Mr Andrew Howie McBride, formerly of the Public Works Department.

Mr McBride, a native of Dumbarton, Scotland, arrived in Hong-kong in 1925 as an Engineer, PWD, and between then and the outbreak of hostilities in December 1941 served in various branches of the department.

He was interned in Stanley and after the war took charge of Government transport before becoming Executive Engineer in control of the Roads Office. For a time he also acted as Assistant Director of Public Works.

In March 1951 Mr & Mrs McBride left Hong-kong for retirement in Perth where later they were joined by their daughter Beth from school in Scotland.

He is survived by his wife and daughter to whom the sympathy of many friends in Hong-kong goes in their bereavement.

445 Million Gallons Of Water Gained

It was officially stated this morning that since the rains started last Thursday and up to 8 a.m. today, the gain in the Colony's water storage has been 445.12 million gallons.

The total water storage at 8 o'clock this morning was 2,223.27 million gallons.

The rains have not only helped the Colony's water supply, but they are said to have come just in time to save the year's first rice crop in the New Territories.